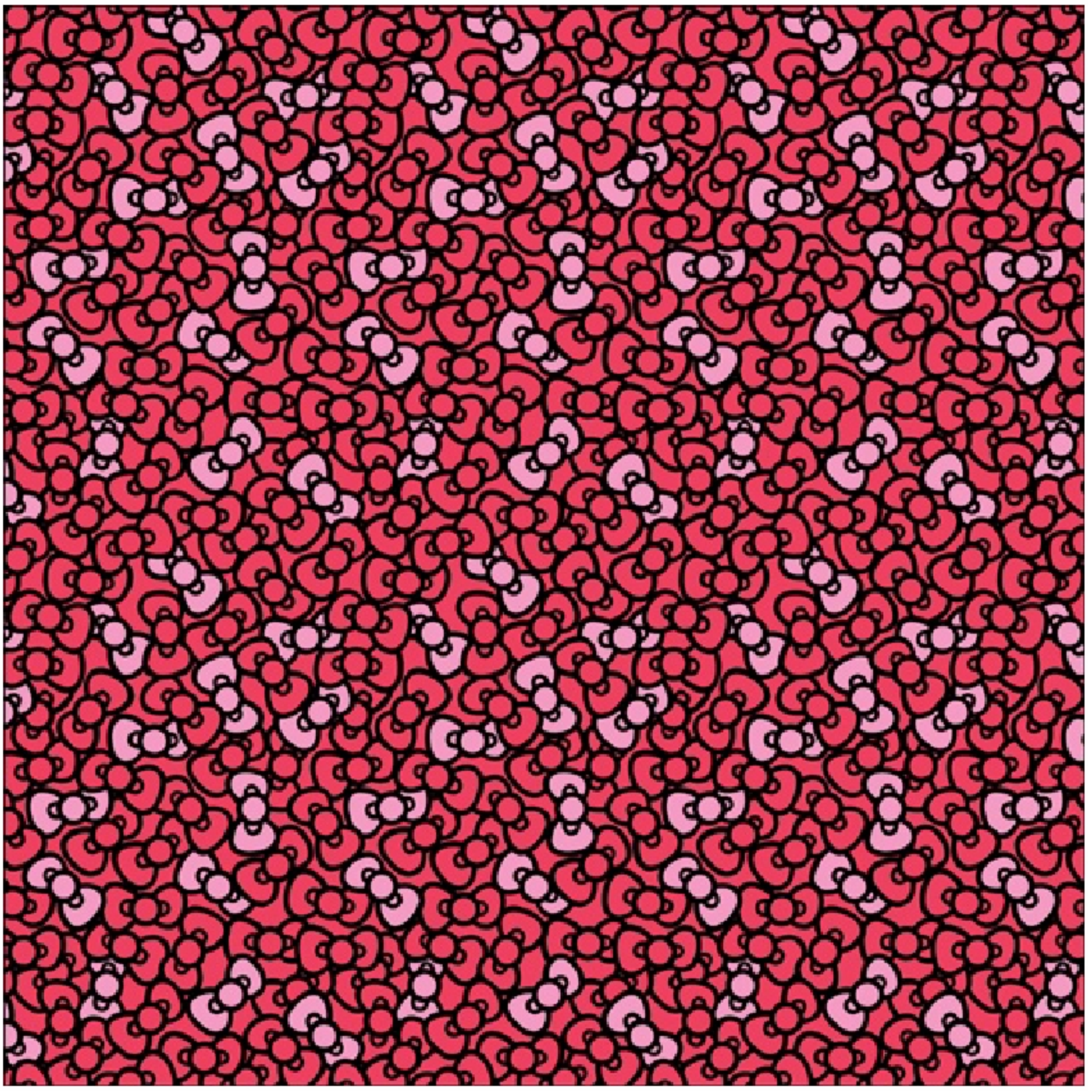

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HELLO KITTY®
Nail Art

Step-by-Step Instructions for Creating
20 Sanrio-Themed Characters and Patterns

Abrams, New York

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Introduction

I've loved drawing and painting ever since I was a little girl and my dream was to someday work as an artist or in a profession that involved drawing and painting. When I saw nail art for the first time, I knew that's what I wanted to do.

I joined Sanrio in the spring of 2012 to train local staff at the launch of the Hello Kitty Spa in Dubai. Ever since then, I've been working with Sanrio to create nail art for the many different characters. The best part about nail art is that it can be enjoyed by children and grown-ups alike. With detailed step-by-step instructions, tips, process, and finished shots, nail art design is not nearly as challenging as it may seem. Whether you are a fan yourself, or you're buying this book for the child in your life, you'll find the projects engaging, manageable, and fun!

This book features some of the most popular Sanrio friends including My Melody, Tuxedosam, Keroppi, Chococat, Batz-Maru, and of course, Hello Kitty. I hope this becomes an opportunity for many of you to learn more about Sanrio and our characters.

What I love about nail art is that even though there is a limited space to work with, it makes so many people happy, and it makes me happy to make others happy through nail art. Hello Kitty is the most popular character among my nail art customers, and she's my favorite as well. I was a Hello Kitty fan as a child, and I still continue to be a fan to this day. I hope Hello Kitty continues to bring happiness to the world and that this book brings Sanrio fans closer to the joy that the characters have brought to fans around the world.

M. Kojima

A Few Nail Art Tips:

- Always use a clear base coat and two coats of color, which will help the design last longer.
- It's easier to apply art when the base coat and two coats of color are completely dry. Allow about five minutes per coat to dry.
- Especially when painting French tips, I recommend drying the base coat and color coat completely before applying the French tip; otherwise it gets too heavy.
- When drawing thin lines, some people prefer brushes with longer hair. I recommend having several point sizes available and testing out what you're comfortable with to achieve the design you want.
- I use acrylic paint for some designs and colors that are difficult to find as nail polish. You can typically find these in your local art supply store, or use nail polish in similar colors.
- All of these projects are meant to provide a starting point and design suggestions, but feel free to deviate from the instructions and create your own designs. Find what works for you and have fun!

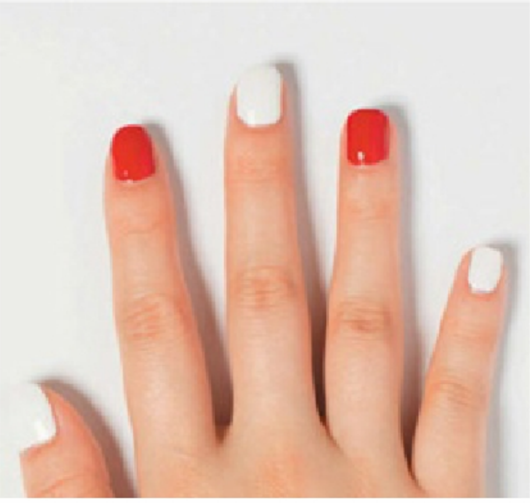
Hello Kitty

Hello Kitty was born on November 1st and she lives in London, England, with her parents and her twin sister, Mimmy. They have lots of friends at school with whom they share many adventures. Her hobbies include traveling, music, reading, eating yummy cookies her sister Mimmy bakes, and best of all, making new friends. As Hello Kitty always says, you can never have too many friends. Her trademark is the red bow she often wears on her left ear.

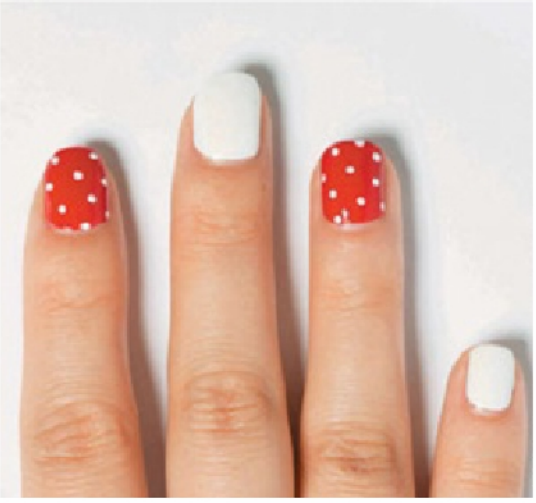
Hello Kitty Classic

***What You'll Need*:** clear base and top coat; white nail polish; red nail polish; black nail polish or acrylic paint; fine-tipped brush

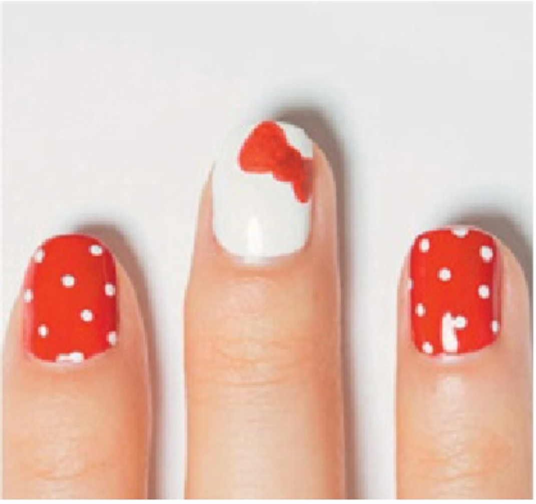
1. Apply a clear base coat.



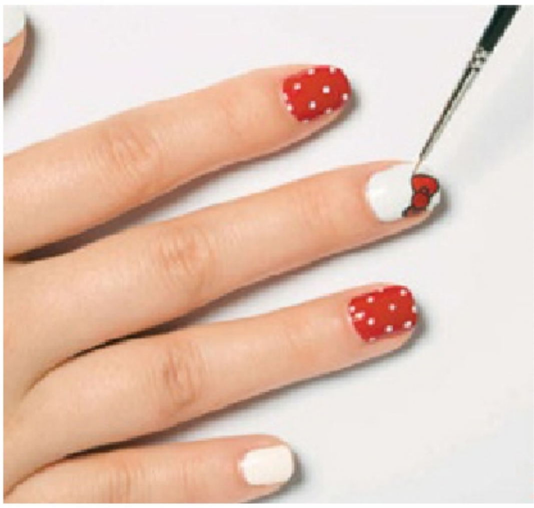
2. Starting with your pinky, apply two coats of white polish on every other nail. On the other nails, apply two coats of red polish.



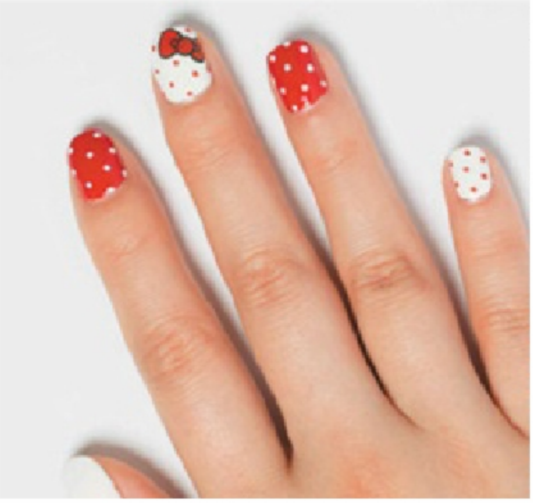
3. On the red nails, use a fine-tipped brush to apply small white dots in a random pattern.



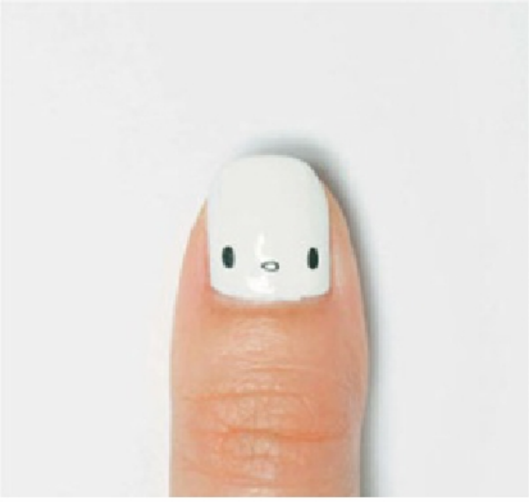
4. On one white nail on each hand, use a fine-tipped brush to paint Hello Kitty's bow on the top right part of the nail. (See this page.)



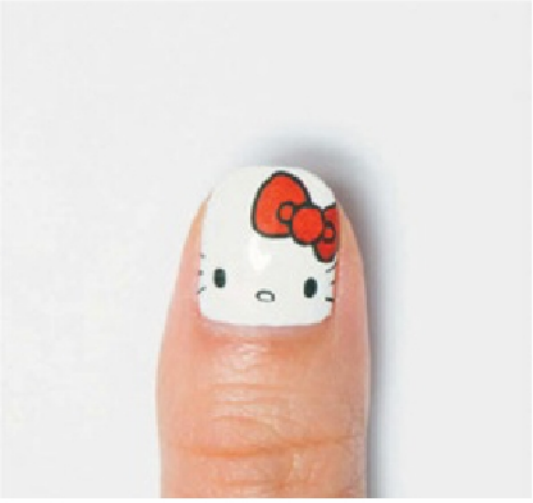
5. Once the bow has dried (about five minutes), use a fine-tipped brush and black polish or acrylic paint to outline the bow.



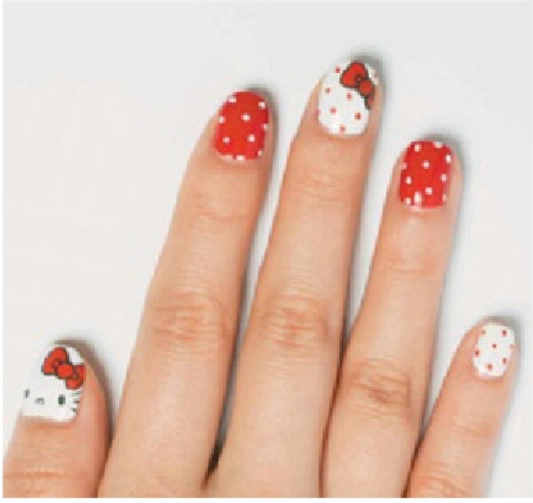
6. On the white nails, use a fine-tipped brush to apply red dots to the middle and pinky fingernails, but not to the thumbs, which is where Hello Kitty's face will go.



7. On each thumbnail, use a fine-tipped brush and black polish or acrylic paint to draw two vertical ovals for the eyes and a horizontal oval centered between the eyes for the nose.



8. Using a fine-tipped brush, add the bow on the top right part of the nail. Once the bow has dried (about five minutes), use black polish or acrylic paint to add the outline of the bow and the whiskers.



9. Add a clear top coat to all nails.

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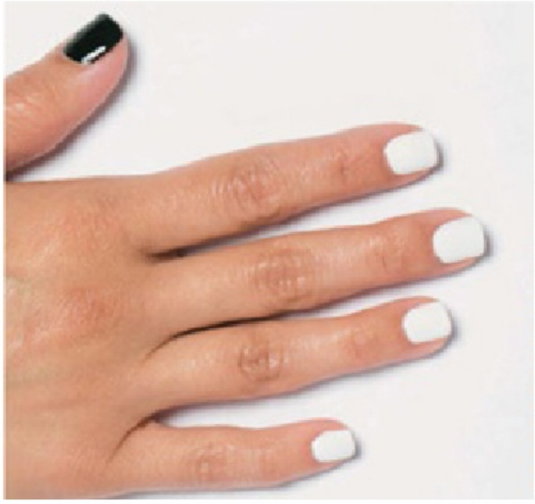
Hello Kitty Stripes

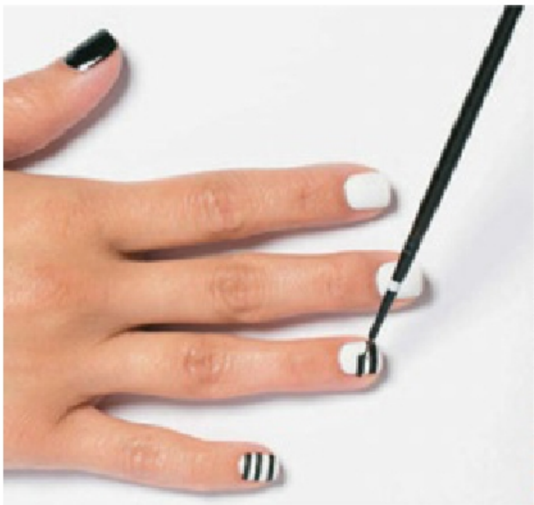
Hello Kitty Stripes

***What You'll Need*:** clear base and top coat; white nail polish; black nail polish; black acrylic paint; hot pink nail polish; gold glitter nail polish; fine-tipped brush

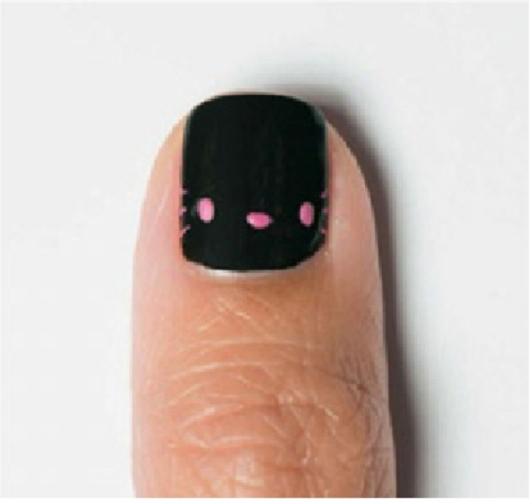
1. Apply a clear base coat.



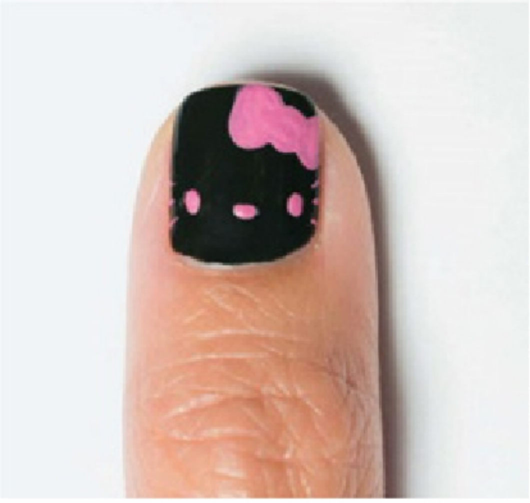
2. Apply two coats of white polish on all nails except for the thumbnails. On the thumbnails, apply two coats of black polish.



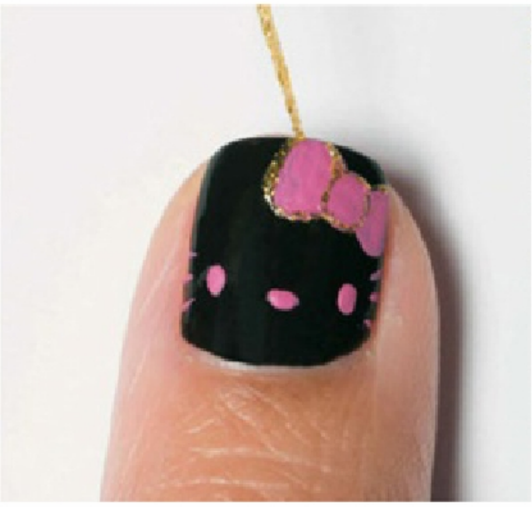
3. Using a fine-tipped brush and black paint, draw horizontal stripes on the white nails. You may need to go over the stripes several times to achieve the desired opacity.



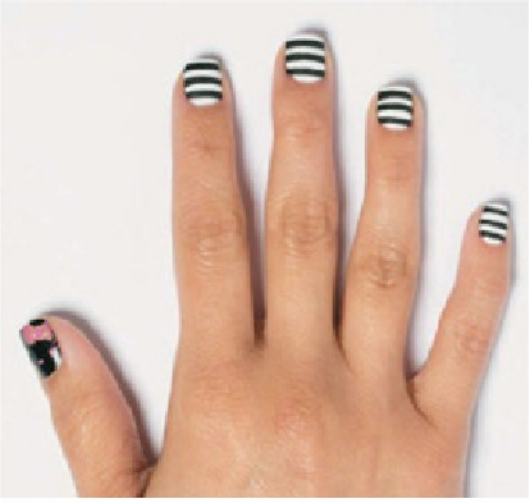
4. On each thumbnail, using a fine-tipped brush and hot pink polish, draw two vertical ovals for the eyes and a horizontal oval centered between the eyes for the nose. Add the whiskers.



5. Using the same brush, add the bow on the top right part of the nail. (See this page.)



6. Once the bow has dried (about five minutes), use a fine-tipped brush and gold glitter polish to outline the bow.



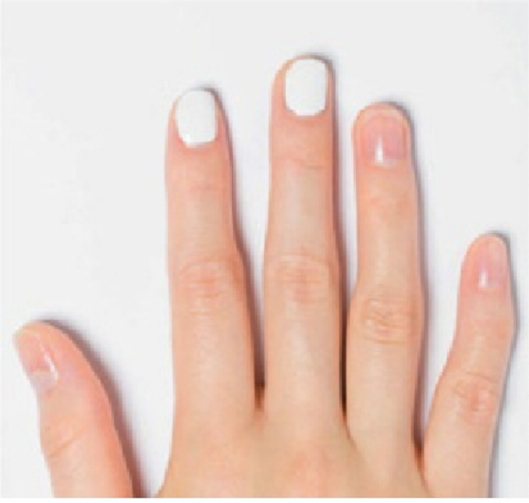
7. Apply a clear top coat to all nails.

Hello Kitty Bows

Hello Kitty Bows

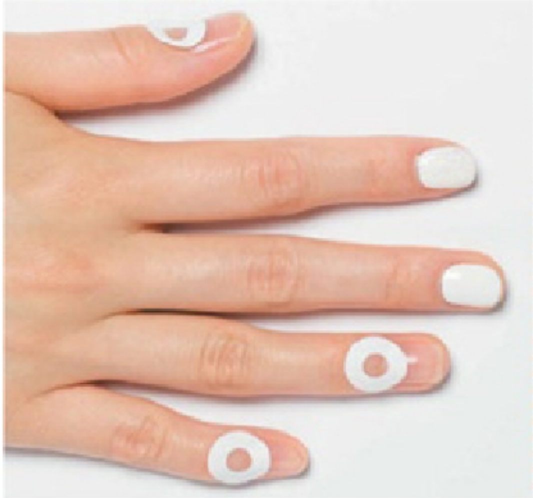
***What You'll Need*:** clear base and top coat; white nail polish; light pink nail polish; gold glitter nail polish; brown, yellow, red, dark and light pink acrylic paint; tweezers; three-ring-binder stickers; fine-tipped brush

1. Apply a clear base coat.

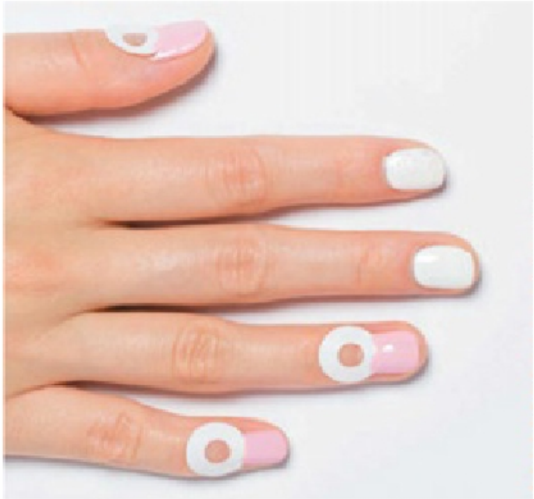


2. On each middle and index fingernail, apply two coats of white polish.

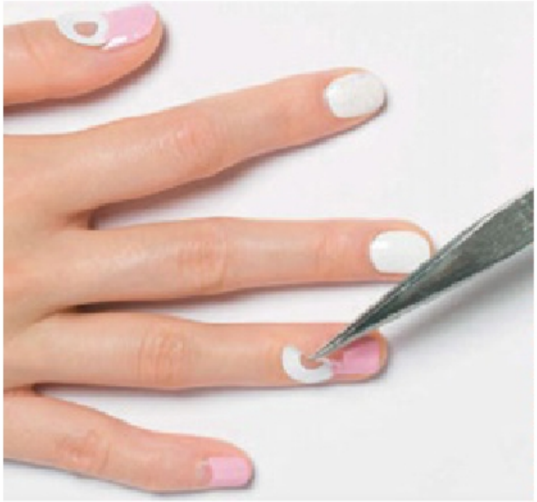
3. On each index fingernail, apply one coat of gold glitter polish.



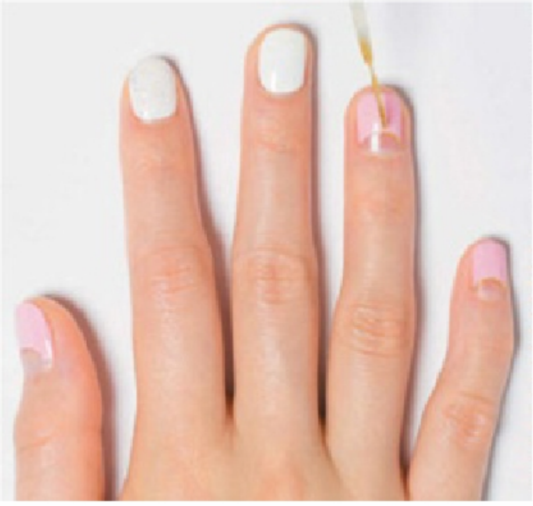
4. Using tweezers, apply stickers to the beds of the remaining three nails on each hand.



5. Apply two coats of light pink polish on each of the nails with the stickers, keeping the stickers on and painting over them to achieve a French tip about three-quarters of the way down the nail.

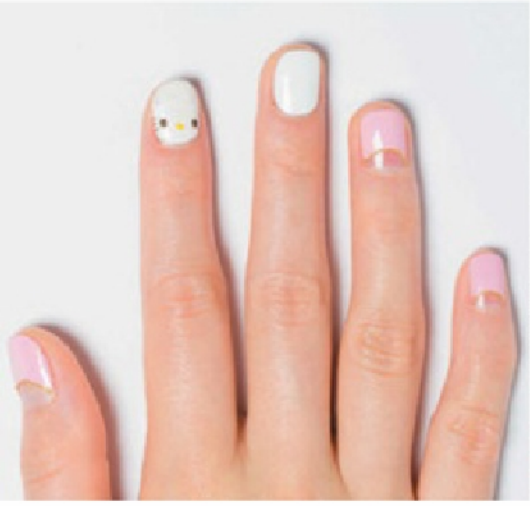


6. Using tweezers, peel off the stickers.

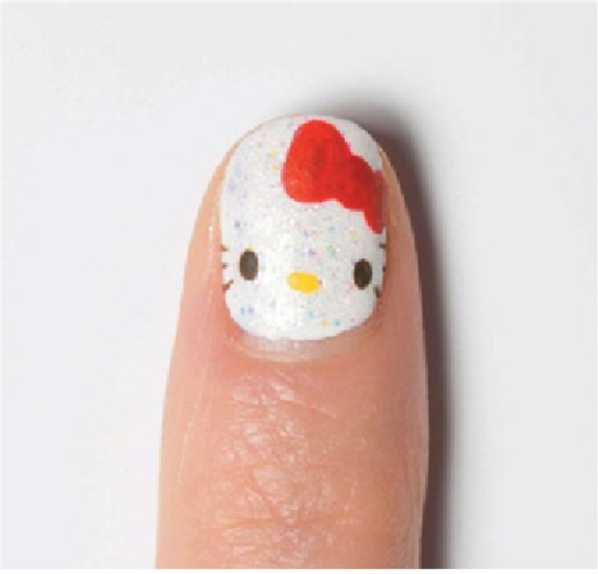


7. Using a fine-tipped brush, trace outside the French tip line with gold glitter polish.

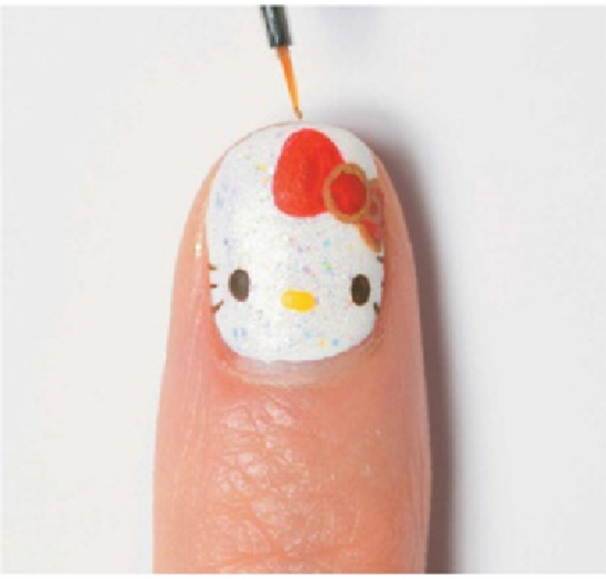
8. Create a palette with small dots of brown, yellow, red, dark pink, and light pink paint.



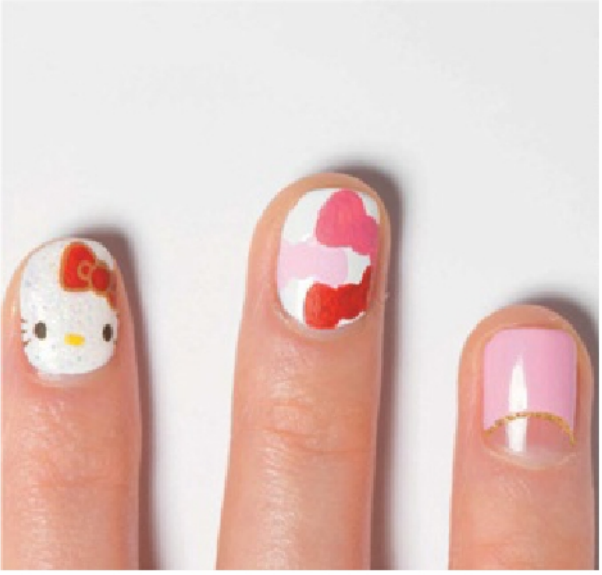
9. On each index fingernail, use a fine-tipped brush and brown paint to draw two vertical ovals for the eyes and draw the whiskers. Using yellow paint, draw a horizontal oval centered between the eyes for the nose.



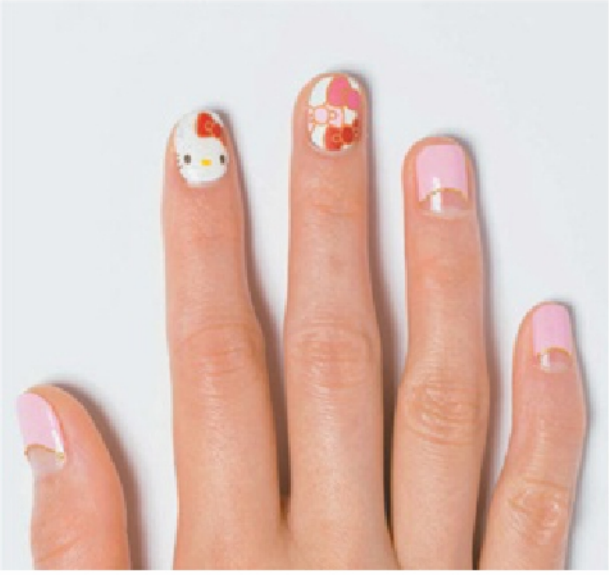
10. Using red paint, draw the bow at the top right corner of the nail. (See this page.)



11. Once the bow has dried (about five minutes), use a fine-tip brush to outline the bow with gold glitter polish.



12. On each middle fingernail, draw three bows, one in dark pink, one in light pink, and one in red.



13. Once the bows have dried, use a fine-tipped brush to outline the bows with gold glitter polish. Apply a clear top coat to all nails.

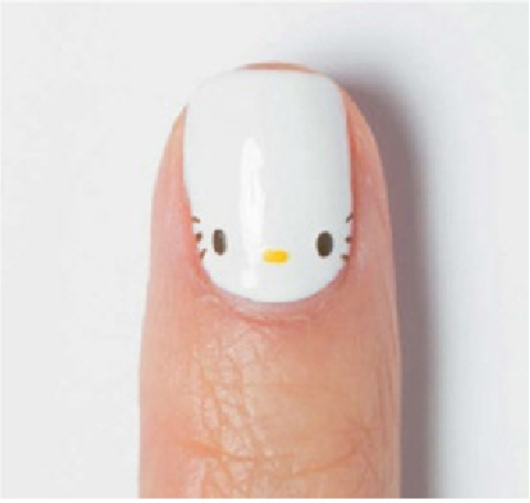
Hello Kitty Plaid

Hello Kitty Plaid

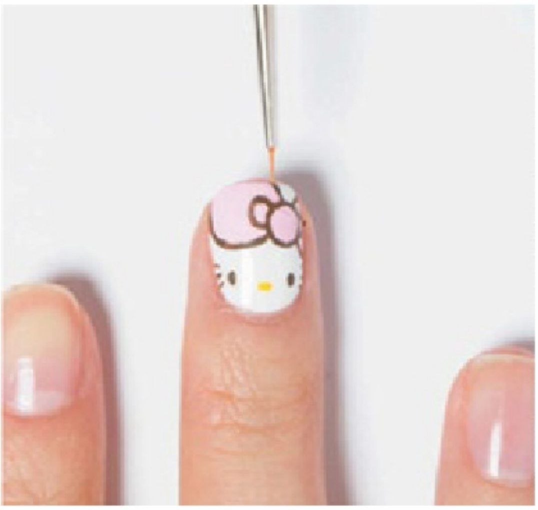
What You'll Need**:** clear base and top coat; white nail polish; yellow, brown, light and dark pink, and white acrylic paint; gold glitter nail polish; fine-tipped brush

1. Apply a clear base coat.

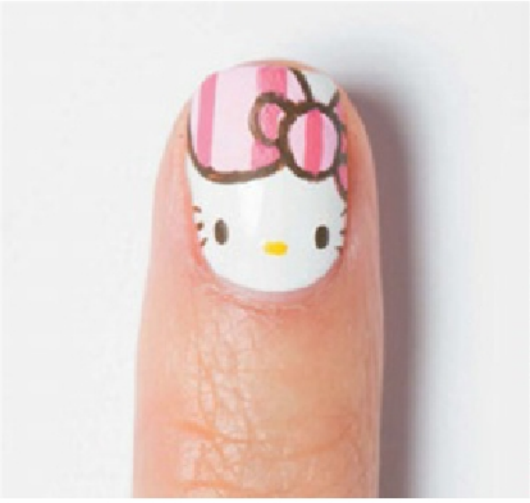
2. Apply two coats of white polish on each middle fingernail.



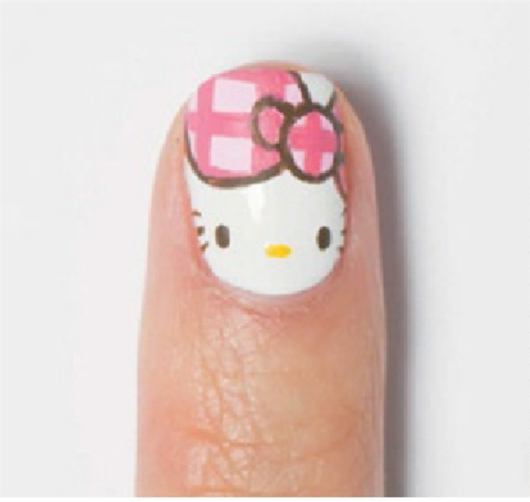
3. Using a fine-tipped brush and yellow paint, draw a horizontal oval for the nose. Using brown paint, draw two vertical ovals for the eyes and draw the whiskers.



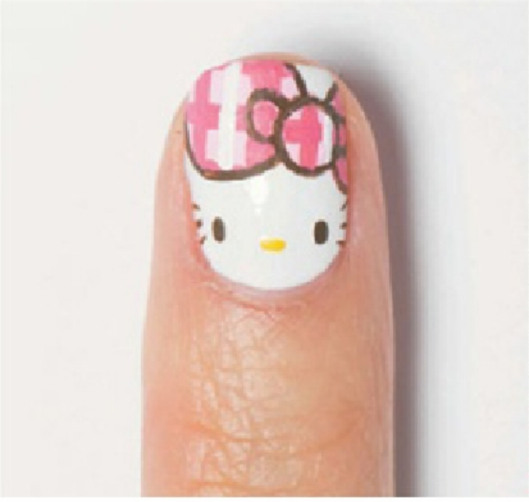
4. Using light pink paint, paint an oversized bow at the top right corner of each middle fingernail. (See this page.) Once the bow has dried (about five minutes), outline the bow with brown paint.



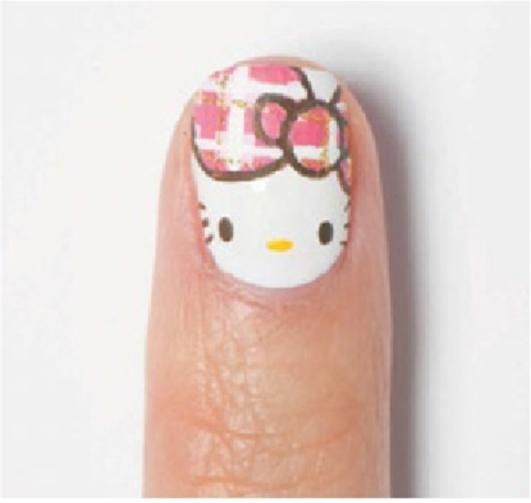
5. For the plaid, draw vertical lines inside the bow using dark pink paint.



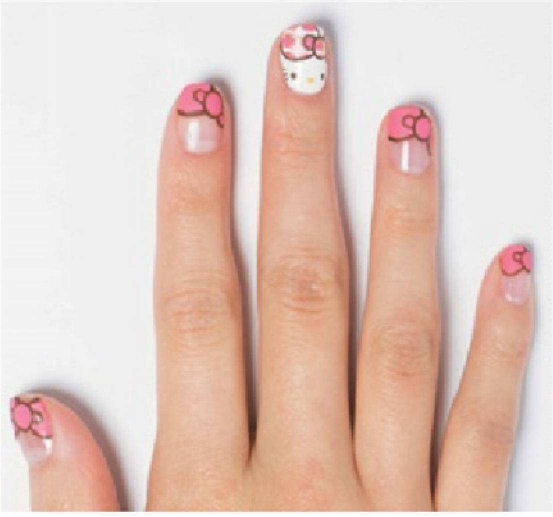
6. Once the vertical lines have dried (about five minutes), draw horizontal lines inside the bow using dark pink paint.



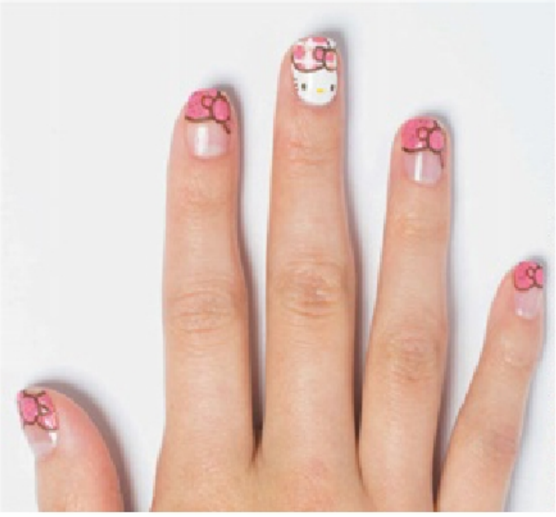
7. Using white polish or acrylic paint, draw white vertical lines next to the dark pink vertical lines. Then draw white horizontal lines next to the dark pink horizontal lines.



8. Using a fine-tipped brush and gold glitter polish, draw vertical and horizontal lines next to the white lines from Step 7.



9. On all the remaining fingernails, paint a dark pink bow at the top right corner of each nail using the fine-tipped brush. After the bows have dried (about five minutes), outline the bows with brown paint.



10. Once the bows' outlines have dried (about five minutes), use a fine-tipped brush to apply gold glitter polish to the inside of each bow (not the outline) on all the fingers. Apply a clear top coat to all nails.

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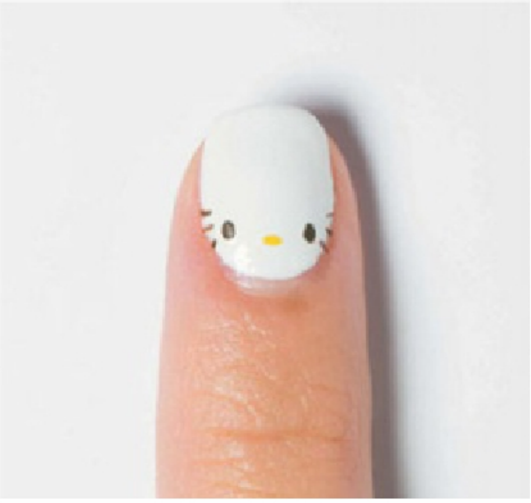
Hello Kitty
French Tip

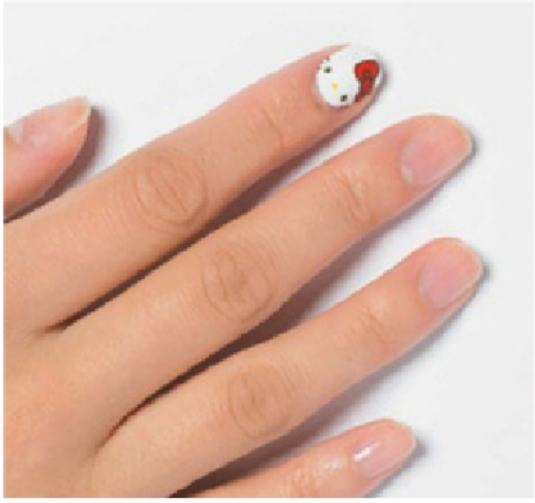
Hello Kitty French Tip

***What You'll Need*:** clear base and top coat; white nail polish; yellow, brown, and red acrylic paint; red nail polish; fine-tipped brush; tweezers; three-ring-binder stickers; gold flakes or dots

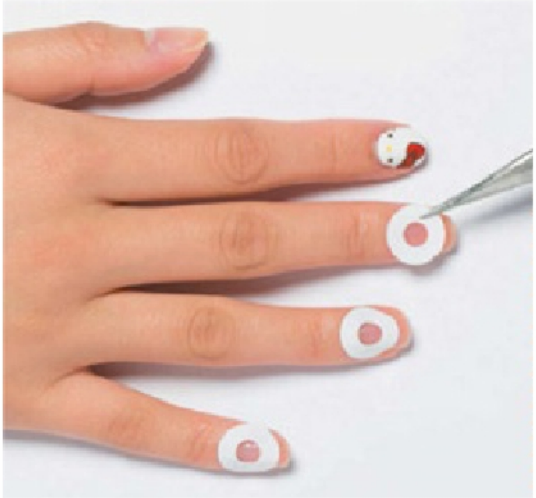
1. Apply a clear base coat. Apply two coats of white polish on the index fingernails, which is where Hello Kitty's face will be.



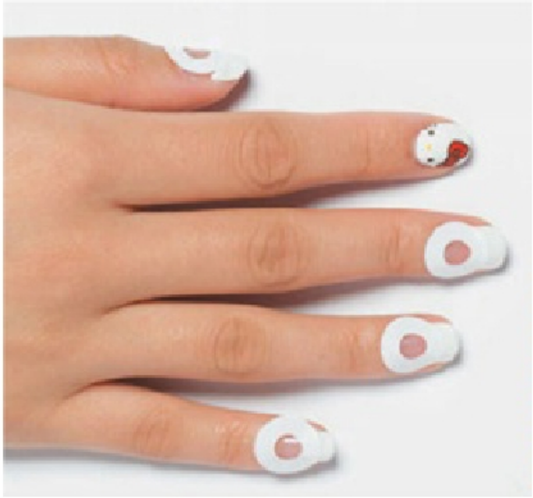
2. On the white index fingernails, draw Hello Kitty's face: Using a fine-tipped brush and yellow paint, draw a horizontal oval for the nose. Using brown paint, draw two vertical ovals for the eyes and draw the whiskers.



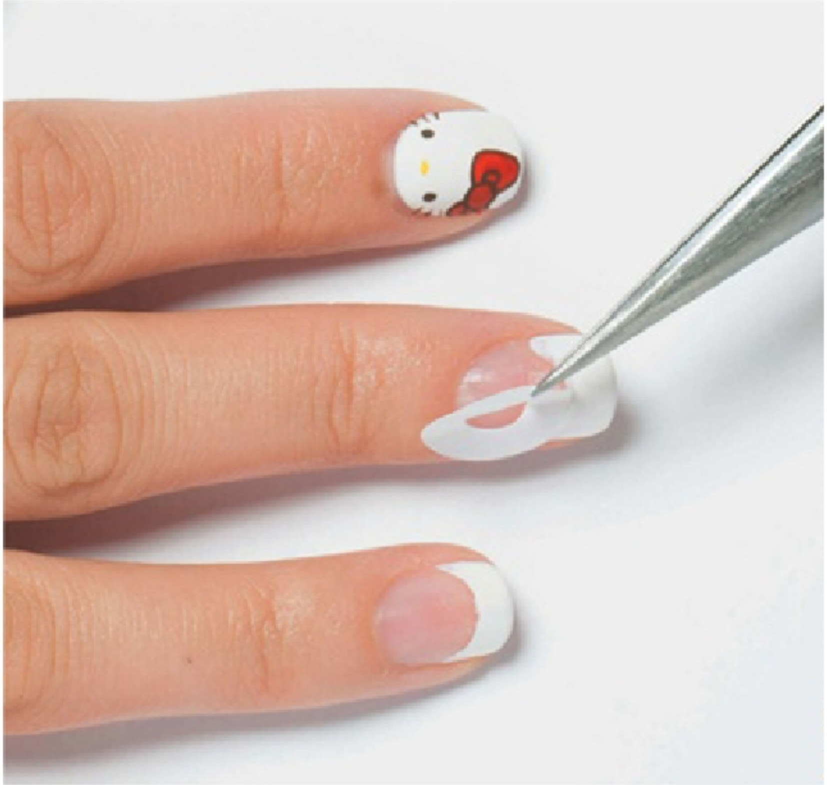
3. Using red polish or acrylic paint, draw a bow at the top right corner of the nail. (See this page.) Once the bow has dried (about five minutes), add an outline using a fine-tipped brush and brown acrylic paint.



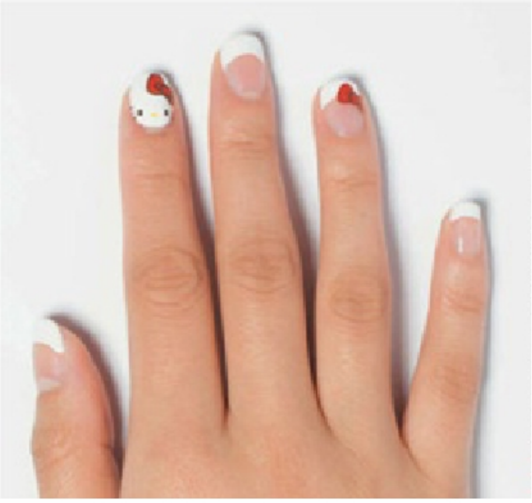
4. Using tweezers, apply stickers at the tops of the rest of the fingernails leaving a little space between the sticker and the tip of the nail to create a French tip.



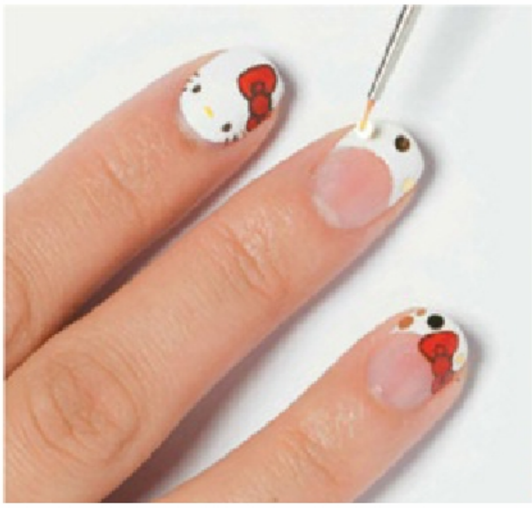
5. Paint two coats of white polish on the tip of each fingernail with a sticker.



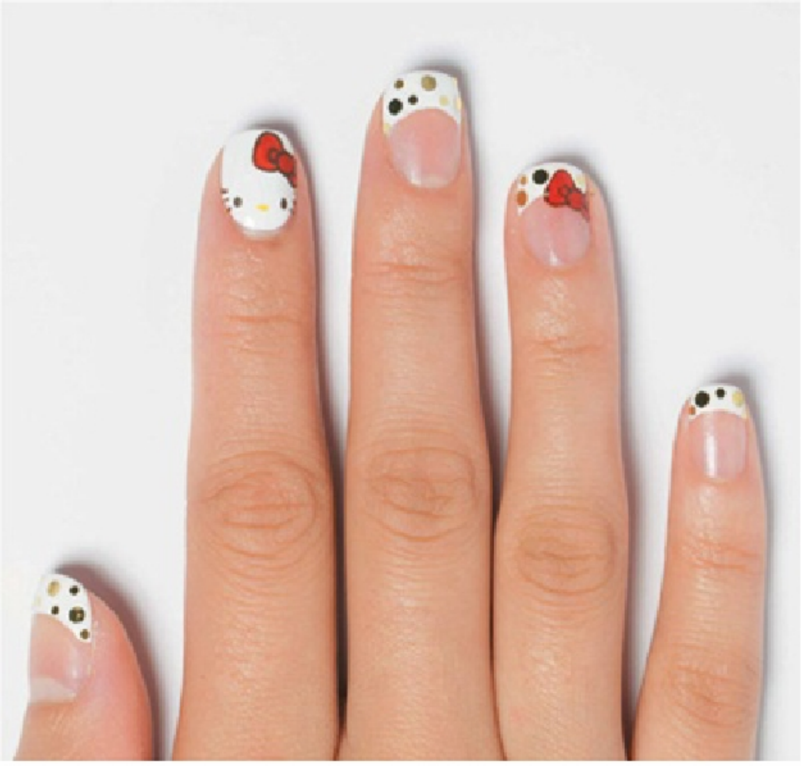
6. Using tweezers, peel off the stickers.



7. On each ring fingernail, paint a bow at the top right corner of the nail using red paint. Once the bows have dried (about five minutes) outline the bows with brown paint.



8. Starting with the pinky nail, apply a top coat just to the white tip and, using tweezers, apply gold flakes or dots to the freshly applied top coat. Make sure to work on one nail at a time, applying top coat and then the gold flakes or dots, so the top coat doesn't dry out.



9. Apply a clear top coat to all nails.

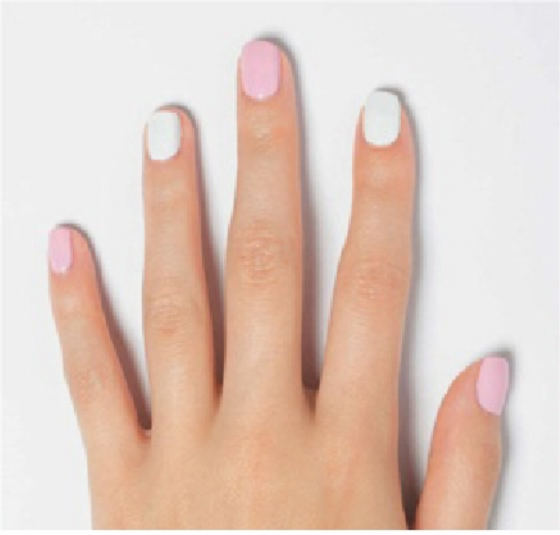
My Melody

My Melody was born in the forest of Mary Land. She is honest and good-natured. Her favorite hobby is baking cookies with her mother, and her favorite food is almond pound cake! She enjoys eating the cake with her best friend, a mouse named Flat. Her trademark is the adorable hood that her grandmother made especially for her.

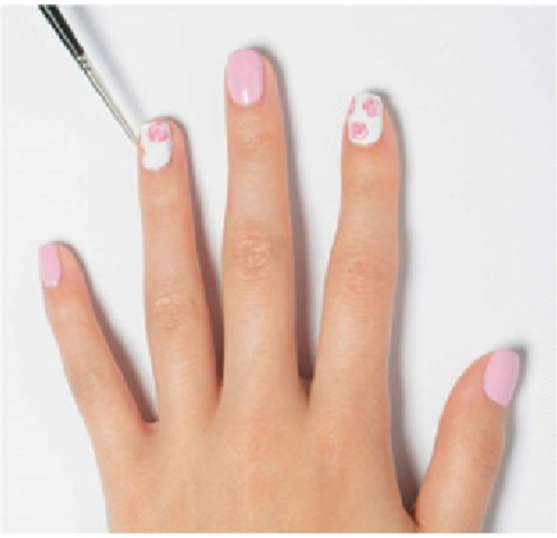
My Melody Pink

***What You'll Need*:** clear base and top coat; light pink nail polish; white nail polish; dark pink, white, emerald and light green, yellow, and dark brown acrylic paint; fine-tipped brush; jewels or jewel decals; glue; tweezers

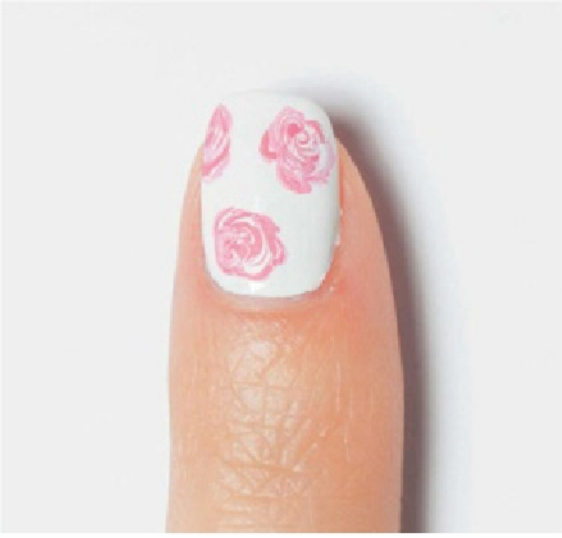
1. Apply a clear base coat.



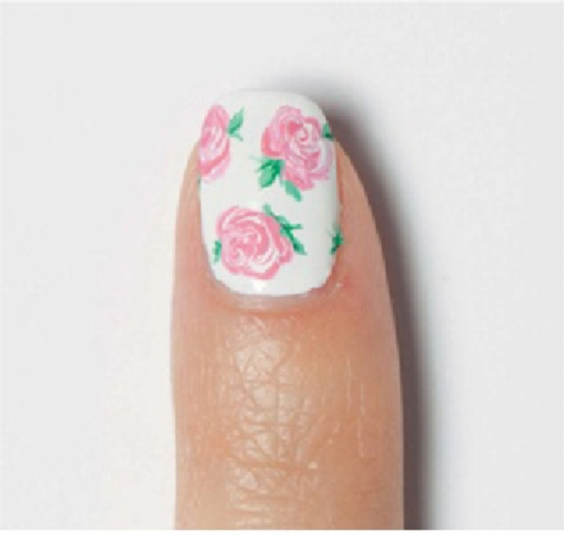
2. On the pinky, middle, and thumbnails apply two coats of light pink polish. On the index and ring fingernails apply two of coats of white polish. Make sure the polish is dry (about five minutes) before moving on to the next step.



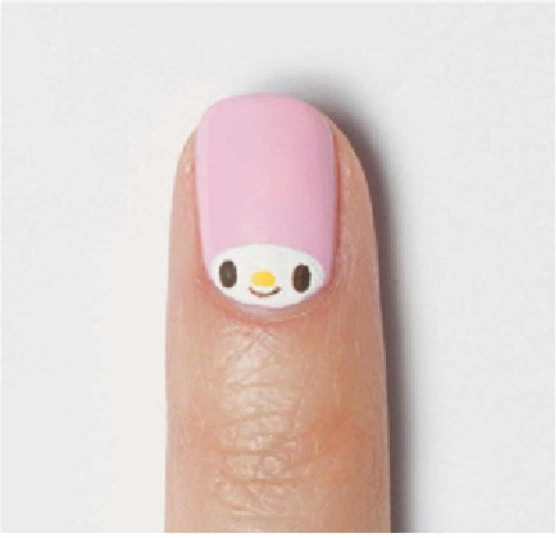
3. Create a palette with small dots of dark pink, white, emerald and light green, and yellow paint. Using a fine-tipped brush, mix the dark pink and white paint together on the brush. You don't want to mix these too much on the palette, just get both colors on the brush.



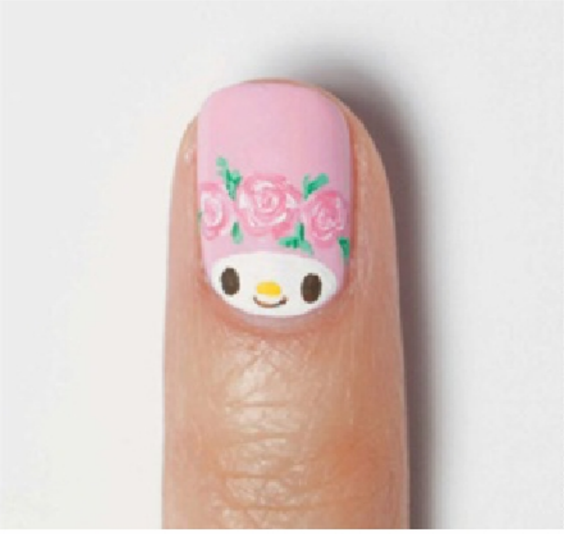
4. On the index and ring fingernails, make two tiny half circles to form the center of the flower. Continue the pattern of half cicles going in both directions to create the rest of the flower. You'll need to dip the brush several times per flower to keep the mix of pink and white paints.



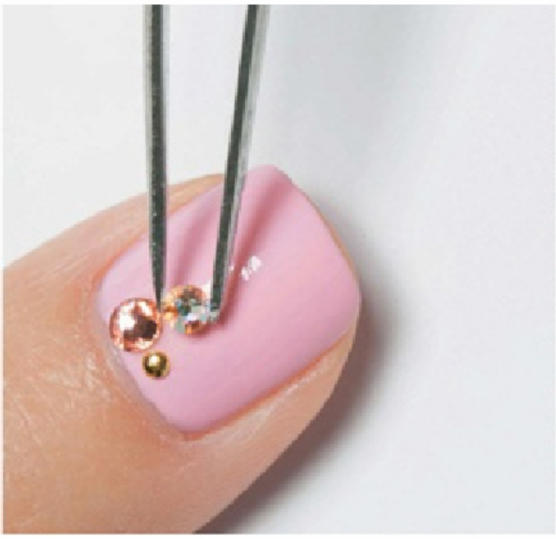
5. Paint the leaves by dipping the brush into the light green paint and drawing thin lines moving outward from the edge of the petals. Then dip the brush in the emerald green paint and add strokes to accent the light green lines.



6. On the middle fingernails, at the bed of the nail, use a fine-tipped brush and white polish or acrylic paint to paint a half-moon and fill it in. Once dried (about five minutes), use yellow paint to draw a horizontal oval for the nose (slightly larger than Hello Kitty's nose). Then, using dark brown paint, draw two vertical ovals for the eyes (slightly larger than Hello Kitty's eyes) and draw a mouth, centered directly under the nose.



7. Add flowers onto the top of My Melody's head, using the same technique in Steps 4 and 5.



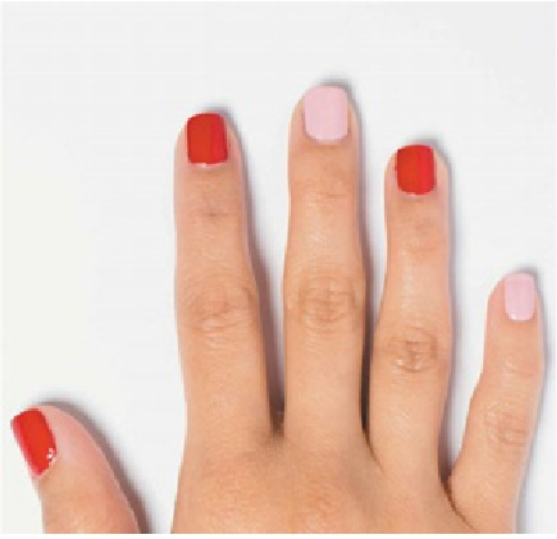
8. On the thumbnail and pinky nail, add the jewels by applying a small dot of glue to each place you want to apply a jewel. (If you use too much glue, the jewels won't show as much, so make sure you only apply a small dot of glue.) Apply a clear top coat to all nails.

My Melody Red

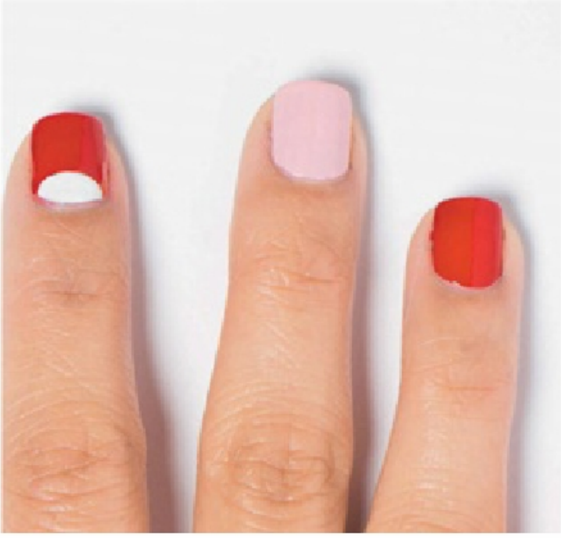
My Melody Red

What You'll Need**:** clear base and top coat; red nail polish; light pink nail polish; white, yellow, and brown acrylic paint; gold and pink dots or decals; fine-tipped brush

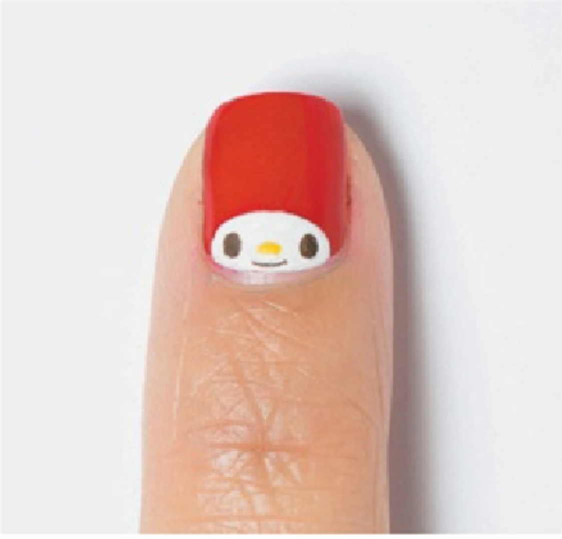
1. Apply a clear base coat.



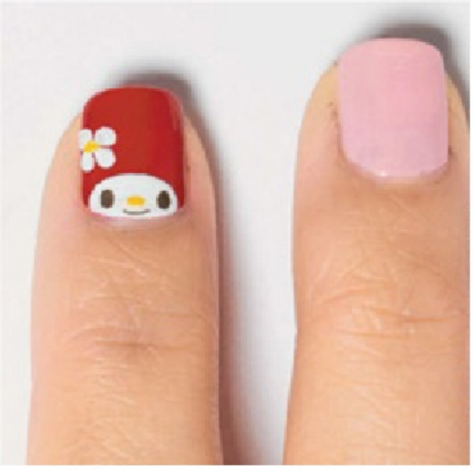
2. On the index and ring fingernails and the thumbnails apply two coats of red polish. On the middle and pinky nails, apply two coats of light pink polish.



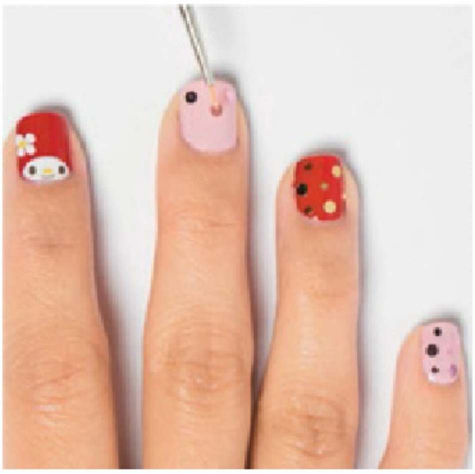
3. On the index fingernail, using a fine-tipped brush and white paint, draw a half moon at the bed of the nail and fill it in.



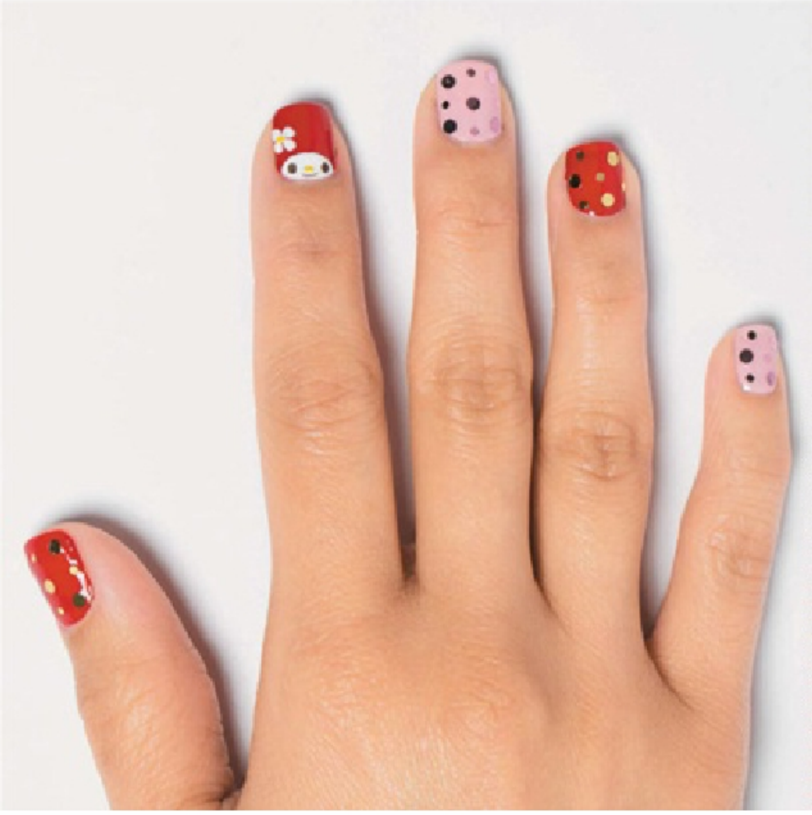
4. Using yellow paint, paint a horizontal oval for the nose (slightly larger than Hello Kitty's nose). Then, using brown paint, add two vertical ovals for the eyes (slightly larger than Hello Kitty's eyes) and add a mouth, centered directly under the nose.



5. Using a fine-tipped brush and white paint, draw four round flower petals on the left side of My Melody's head. Using yellow paint, draw a dot in the center of the petals.



6. Doing one nail at a time, apply a top coat on each fingernail except the index fingernail where My Melody's face is and, using a fine-tipped brush, place gold dots on the red nails and pink dots on the pink nails. Be sure to apply the dots right after you apply the top coat to each nail so they stick. To ensure the dots adhere well, dip the brush into a small amount of the top coat and pick up the dots with the brush. Use a little more top coat if the dots are not sticking.



7. Apply a clear top coat to all nails.

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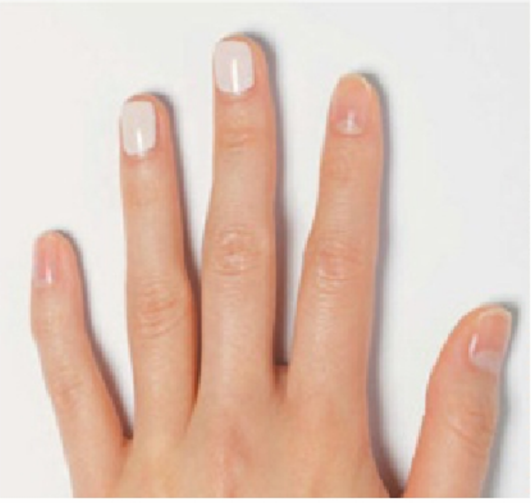
Little Twin Stars

KiKi and Lala, the Little Twin Stars, were born on the Star of Compassion. These mystical twins would pass the time wondering about life on Earth, the planet they had heard so many stories about. With permission from Mother-Star and Father-Star, they set out for a visit to Earth. Lala's star wand led them on their journey. Ever since they arrived, they've been spreading happiness to everyone they meet!

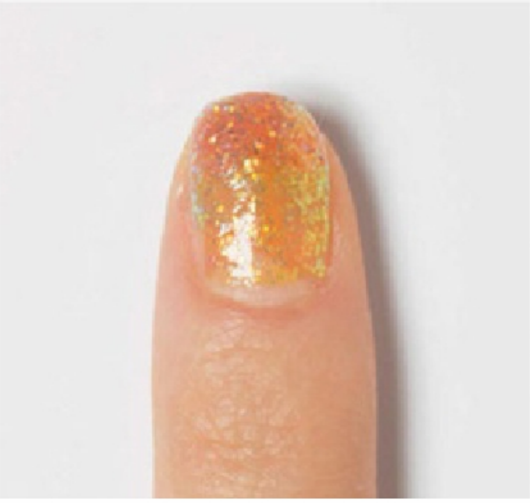
Little Twin Stars

***What You'll Need*:** clear base and top coat; beige or flesh-toned nail polish; yellow or gold glitter nail polish; blue glitter nail polish; pink glitter nail polish; brown, blue, and pink acrylic paint; clear glitter nail polish; large glitter flakes; fine-tipped brush; wood cuticle stick with flat tip; tweezers; star-shaped glitter decals

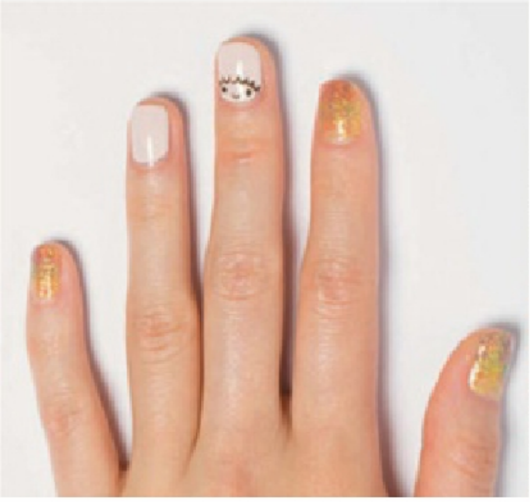
1. Apply a clear base coat.



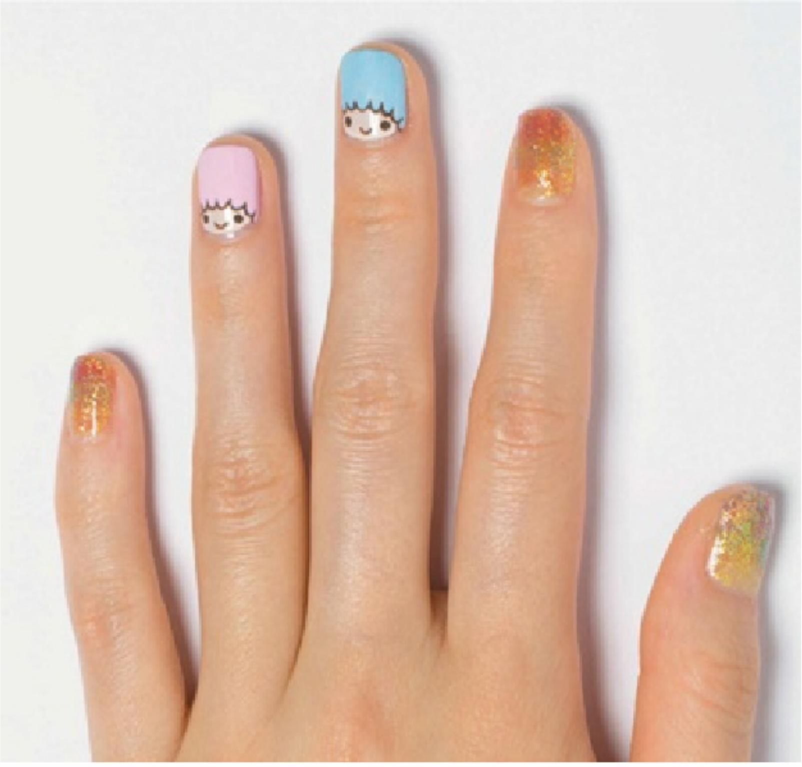
2. On the middle and ring fingernails, apply two coats of beige or flesh-toned polish.



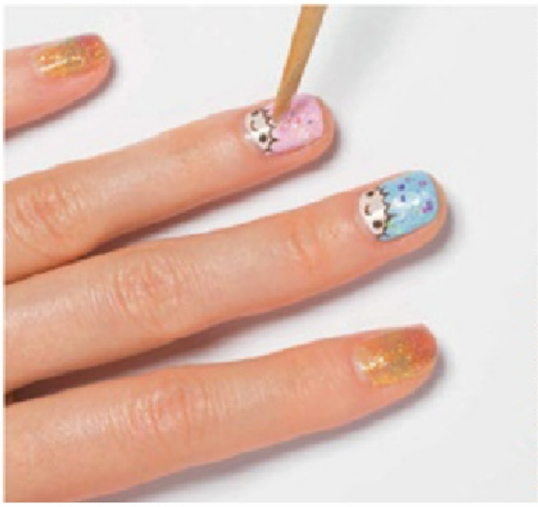
3. For the ombre look, start out by applying one coat of yellow or gold glitter polish on the remaining nails. Then, starting two-thirds of the way down the nail and painting toward the tip, apply two coats of blue glitter polish. Next, add two coats of the pink glitter polish on the top third of the nail only.



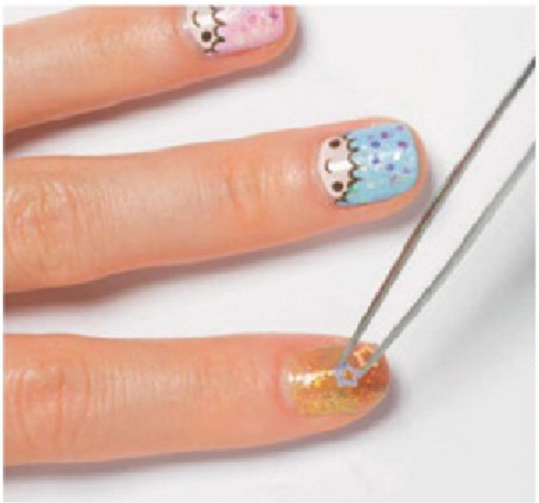
4. For the character nails (middle and ring fingers), paint Kiki on the middle fingernail by drawing the outline of his face in brown paint using a fine-tipped brush: About a third of the way up from the nail bed, paint a scalloped pattern in brown paint with the scallop facing toward you. Next, draw two round eyes and a mouth.



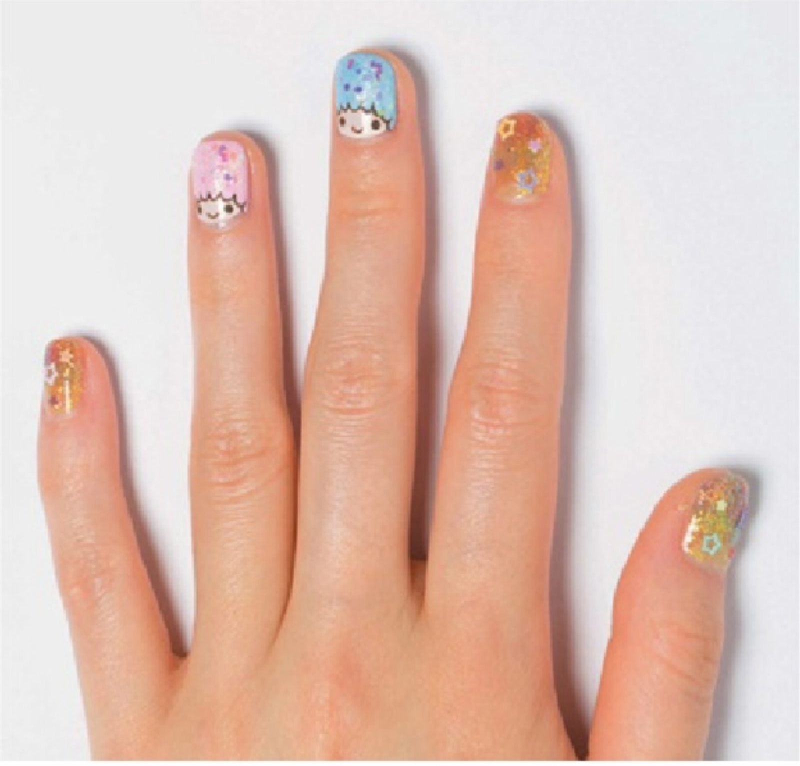
5. Paint Lala on the ring fingernail in the same manner. Using blue and pink acrylic paint, paint the hair for each character. Be sure to stay within the scallop so as not to paint over the characters' faces. (Lala's hair is pink; Kiki's is blue).



6. Using a fine-tipped brush and clear glitter polish, add a top coat just to the hair of each character. Next, place glitter flakes on a palette. Using the flat tip of the cuticle stick, scoop the flakes onto the pink and blue hair of each character. The flakes will stick to the just-applied layer of clear glitter polish.



7. Apply clear top coat on the ombre nails, then use tweezers to apply different colored star-shaped decals to the thumbnails and index and pinky fingernails.



8. Apply a clear top coat to all nails.

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Keroppi

Keroppi lives with his brother, sister, and parents in a big house on the edge of Donut Pond, the largest and bluest pond around. Keroppi and his friends share his love of playing games, especially baseball and boomerangs. But most often he is seen with his little snail friend, Den Den, always tagging along and usually a little behind.

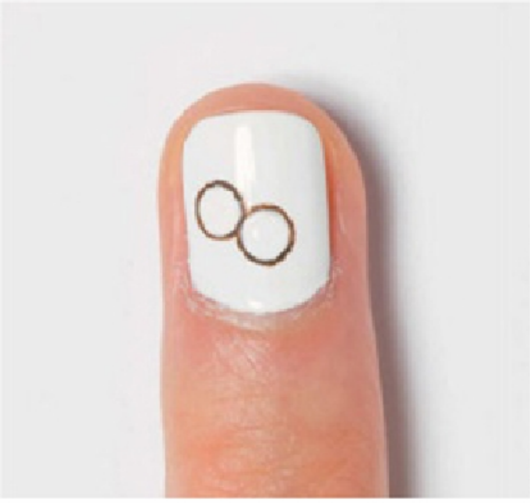
Keroppi

What You'll Need: clear base and top coat; white nail polish; brown, green, yellow, light pink, and light blue acrylic paint; fine-tipped brush

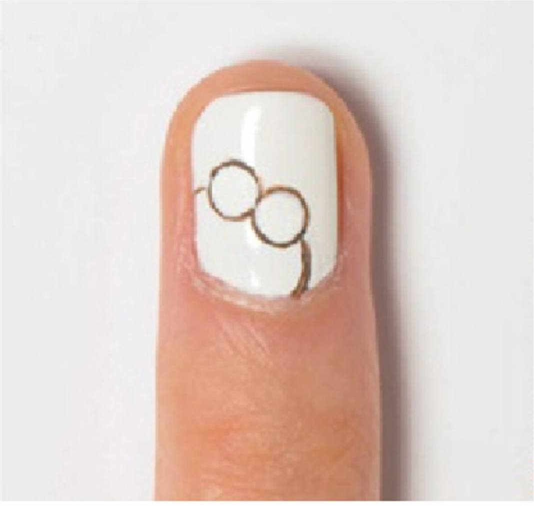
Tip: There will be two Keroppi faces in this design, one on the index finger and a winking Keroppi on the ring finger, but you can do them on different nails or add more Keroppi faces on other nails to personalize the design.

1. Apply a clear base coat.

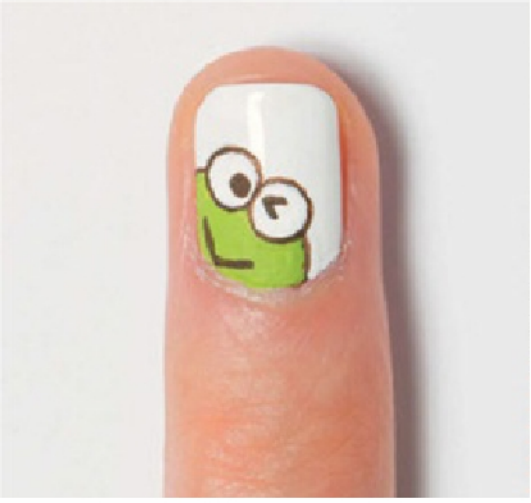
2. Apply two coats of white polish on all nails.



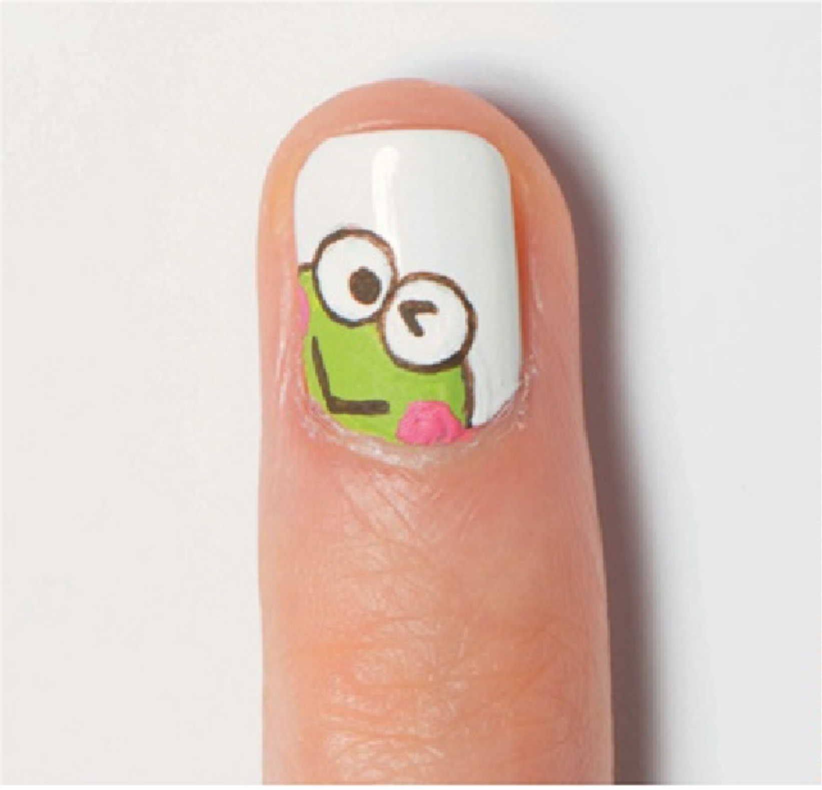
3. On the ring fingernail, using a fine-tipped brush and brown paint, draw two large circles on a slight angle for his eyes.



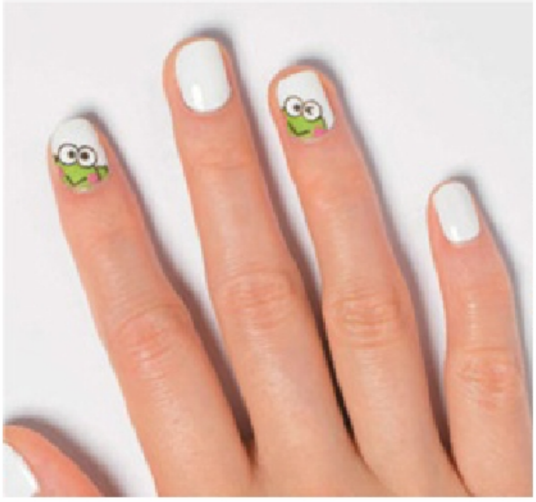
4. Using the same brown paint, connect the eyes to the nail beds with a curved line on both sides to create the outline of his face.



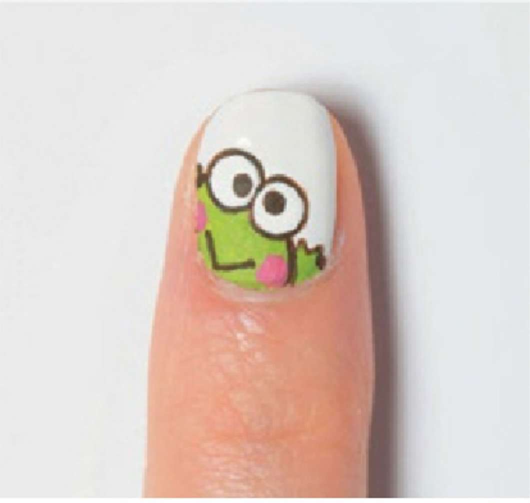
5. On a palette, mix green and yellow paint to make a lime green for Keroppi's face. Using a fine tipped brush, color in the face (in the white space on the bottom part of the nail bed) everywhere except the eyes. Using a fine-tipped brush and brown paint, draw a V-shaped mouth. Then place a brown dot in the center of the left eye and a small sideways V on the right eye to create a wink.



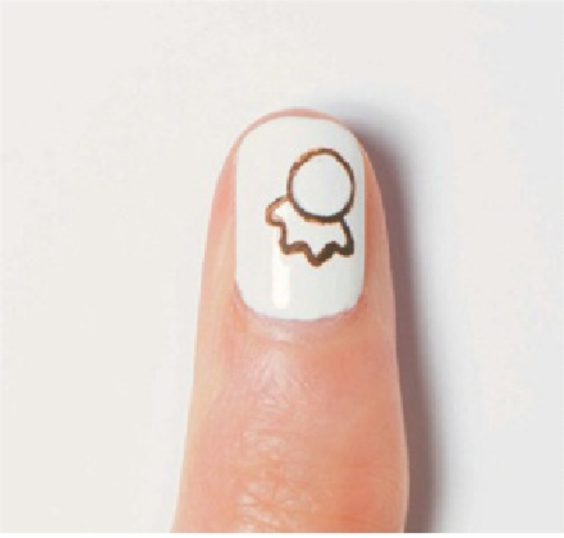
6. Use light pink paint to draw cheek circles on either side of the mouth.



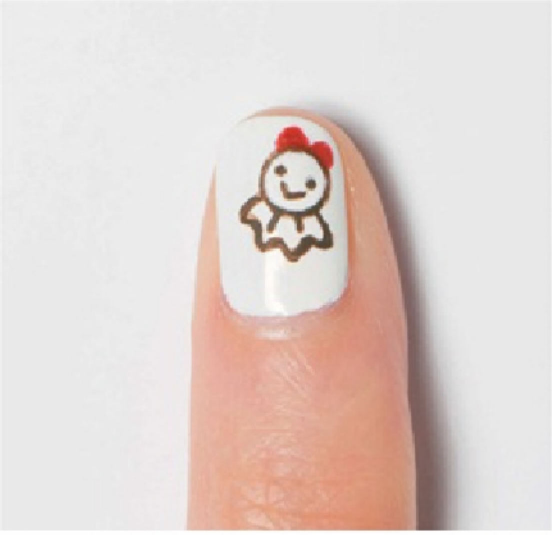
7. On the index finger, repeat Steps 3 through 6, but on this finger Keroppi will have both eyes open, so do not paint a V for the wink.



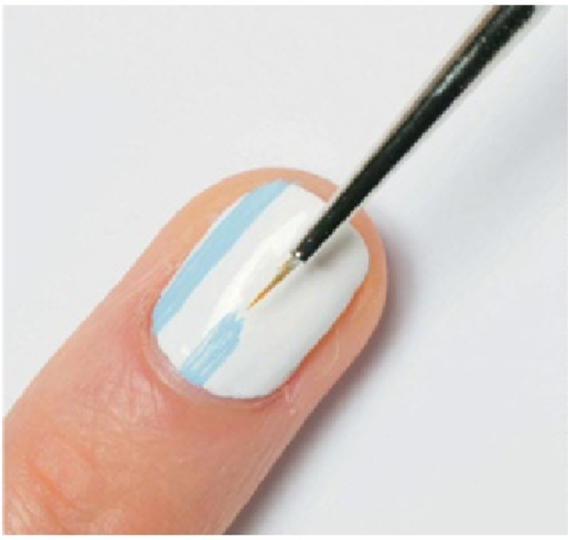
8. On either side of the eyes, add three connected V-shaped "toes" facing up for each frog foot. Using the lime green paint you mixed in Step 5, color in the feet.



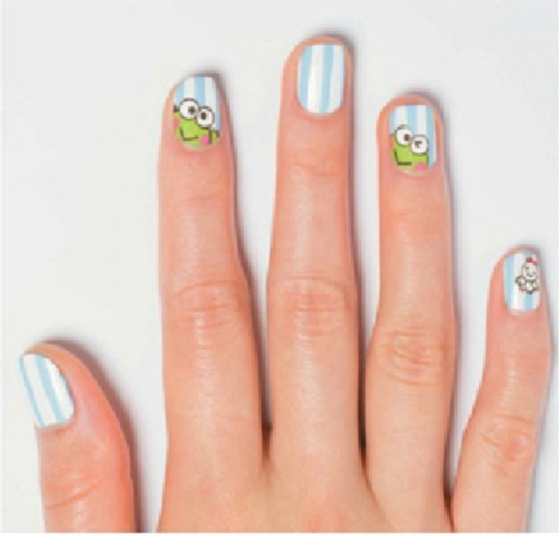
9. On the pinky nail, draw Teru Teru, Keroppi's ghost friend. Using a fine-tipped brush and brown paint, draw a circle just to the right of the center of the nail. Create the skirt of the ghost by painting a jagged pattern that connects to the face.



10. Add two round dots for eyes and a half circle for the mouth. Draw two vertical lines in the skirt to simulate wrinkles.

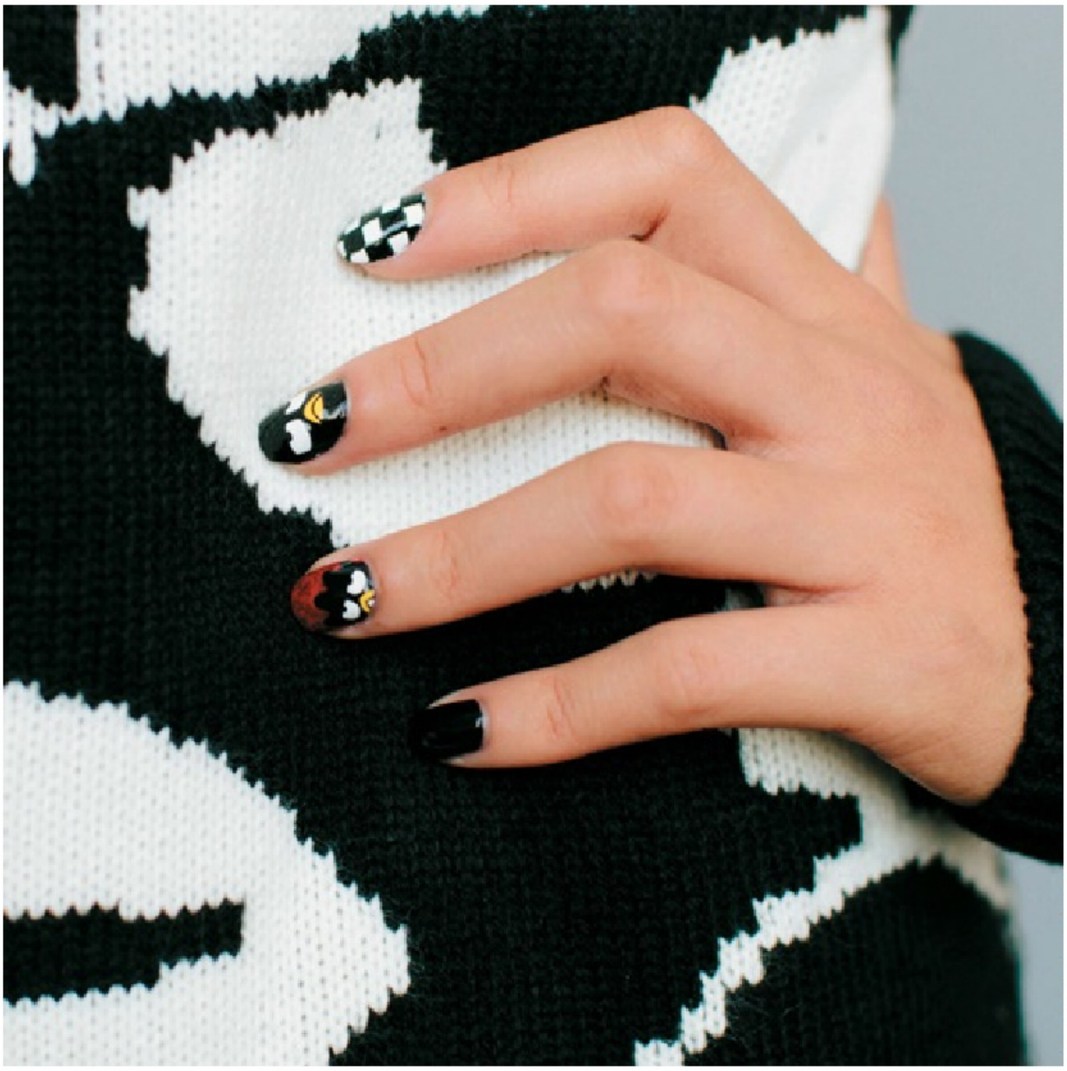


11. Next create a blue stripe pattern on each nail: Using a fine-tipped brush and light blue paint, draw stripes to create a blue and white stripe pattern, avoiding the characters. You should have three or four blue stripes per finger.



12. Apply a clear top coat to all nails.

A World of Friendship



Badtz-Maru

Badtz-Maru is one mischievous little penguin! He lives with his mother and pinball-playing father in Gorgeoustown. He attends first grade at Gorgeoustown Academy. Badtz-Maru attracts lots of attention when he walks his pet alligator, Pochi. He has dreams of greatness for when he grows up, but for now he just rolls his eyes at his humorous life.

Badtz-Maru

***What You'll Need*:** clear base and top coat; white nail polish; black nail polish; red nail polish; white, yellow, and black acrylic paint; red glitter nail polish; fine-tipped brush

***Tip*:** This design has two different characters and poses, but you can alter which nails you put them on or you can paint the characters at different angles to personalize the design.

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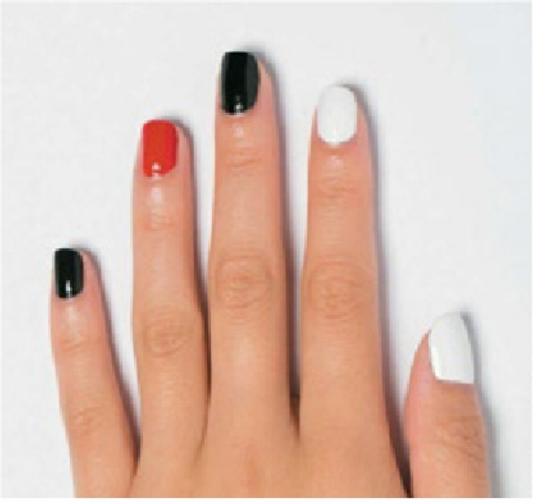
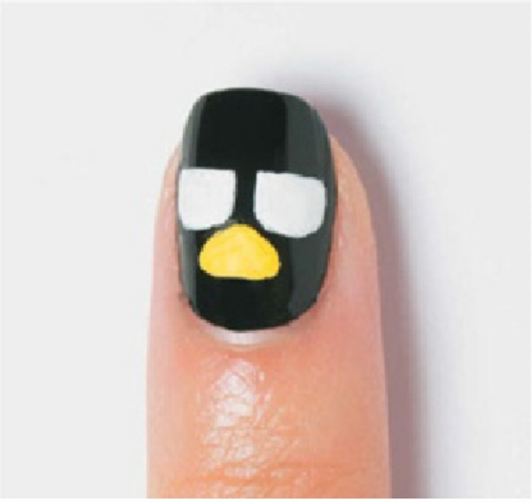
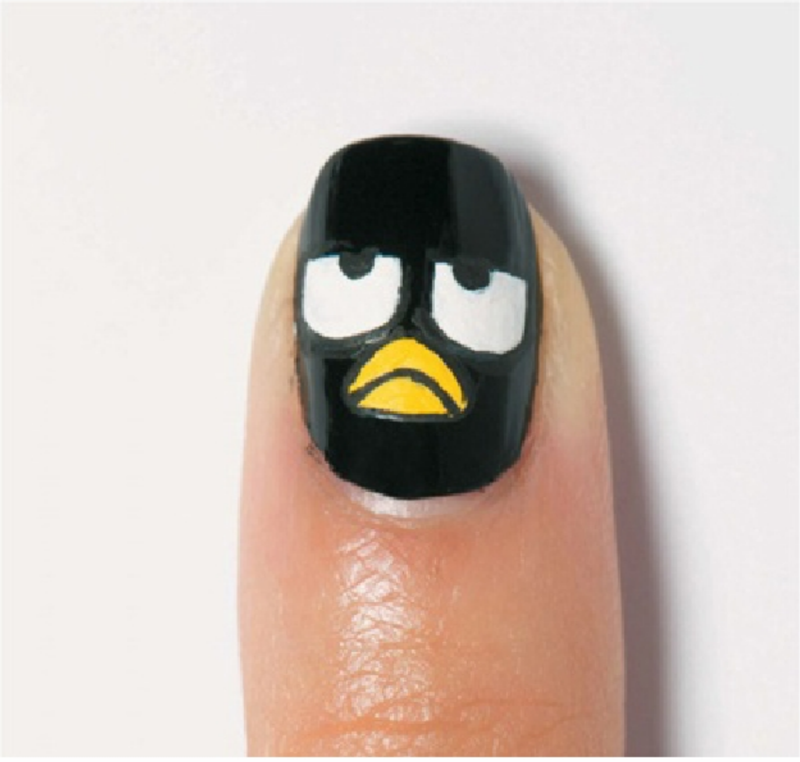


2. Paint two coats of white polish on the thumbnails and index fingernails, two coats of black polish on the middle and pinky fingernails, and two coats of red polish on the ring fingernail.

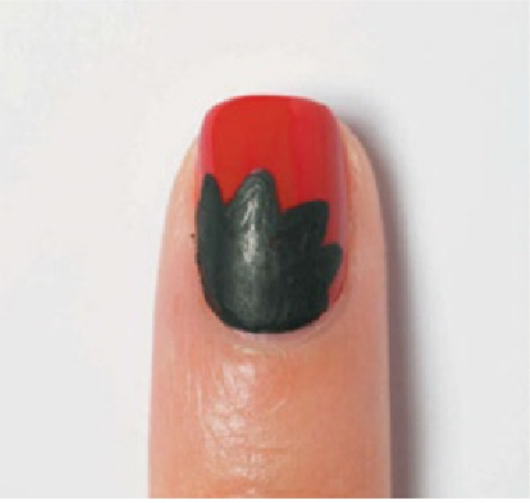


3. Paint Batz-Maru's face on the middle finger: Using a fine-tipped brush and white paint, draw two horizontal half oval shapes close together for the eyes. Using yellow paint, draw a triangle with rounded corners for the beak and color it in.

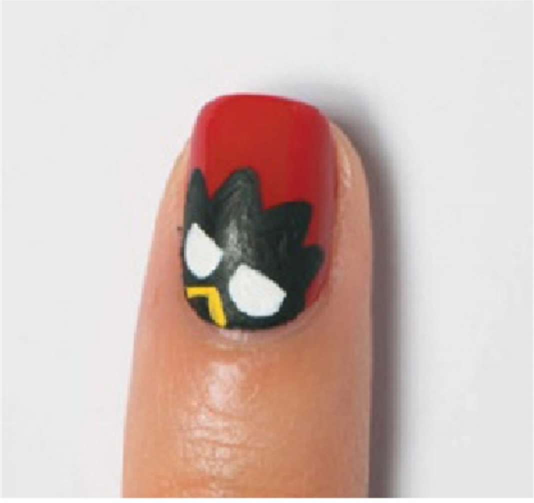


4. For this step, it may be easier to flip the hand over and bend the fingers toward you. Using a fine-tipped brush and black paint, draw small half circles along the top edges of the eyes for the pupils. Add an upside-down V through the center of the yellow triangle to complete the beak. Outline the eyes and beak to hide any mistakes.

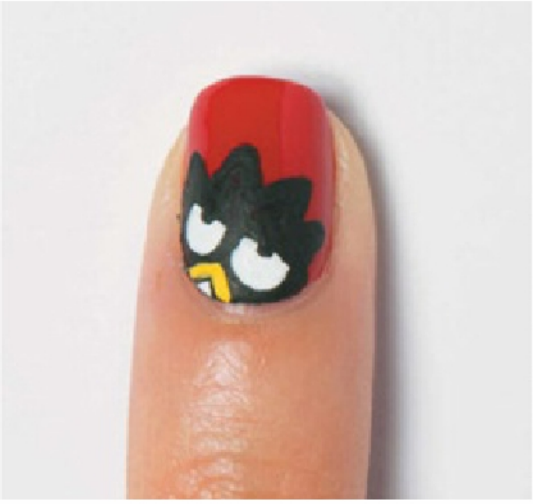
Badtz-Maru



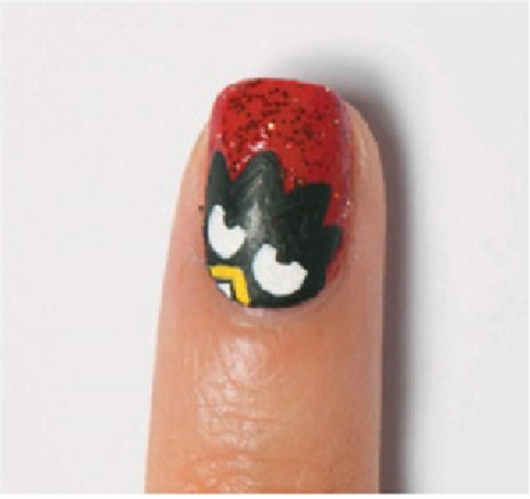
5. On the ring fingernail, using a fine-tipped brush and black paint, draw a spiky pattern diagonally across the bed of the nail on a slight angle. Fill in with black paint below the pattern.



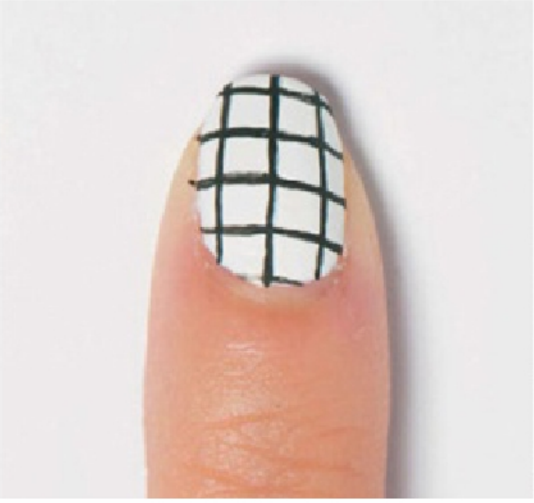
6. Using white paint, draw two horizontal half oval eyes using the same process as Step 3, but paint them on an angle to make it look like the character is peeking out from the bottom left corner of the nail. Using yellow paint, draw the beak as in Step 3.



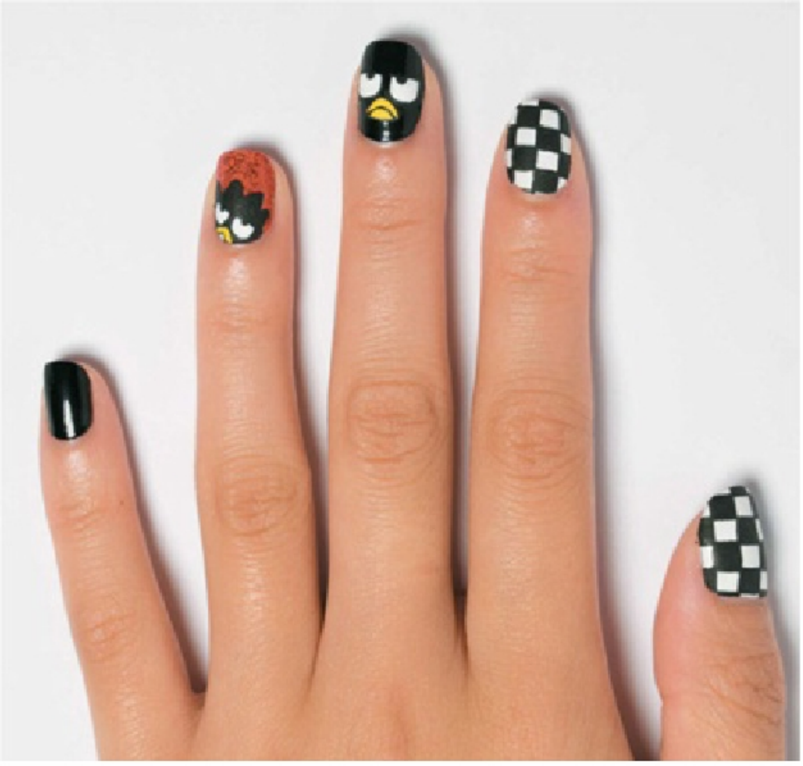
7. Paint a very small triangle in white at the bottom of the yellow triangle. Using black paint, add a small inverted V in the middle of the mouth.



8. On the top red part of the nail, use a fine-tipped brush to add a layer of red glitter polish, avoiding the black area.



9. On the thumbnail and index fingernail, apply a black-and-white checkered pattern: Using a fine-tipped brush and black paint, add three or four fine vertical lines down the nail. Then add horizontal lines to make boxes. Fill in every other square with black paint.



10. Apply a clear top coat to all nails.

Tuxedosam

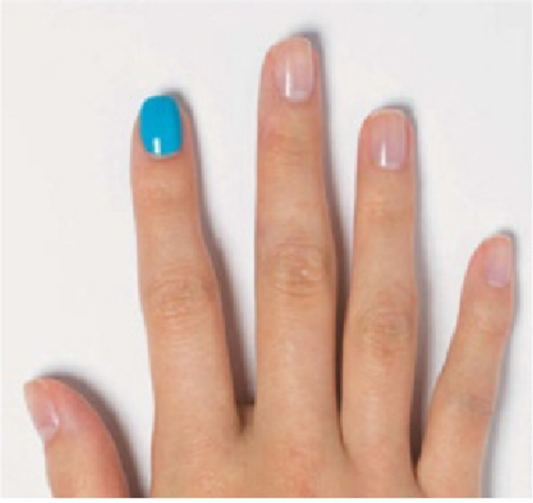
Even though Tuxedosam is a little naive and a bit of a blunderer, everybody loves this personable penguin! Due to his aristocratic background, you will always find Tuxedosam in a tux. He even boasts a collection of 365 bow ties! He was born in the South Pole, where he learned to speak Penguinese, but he also speaks fluent English.

Tuxedosam

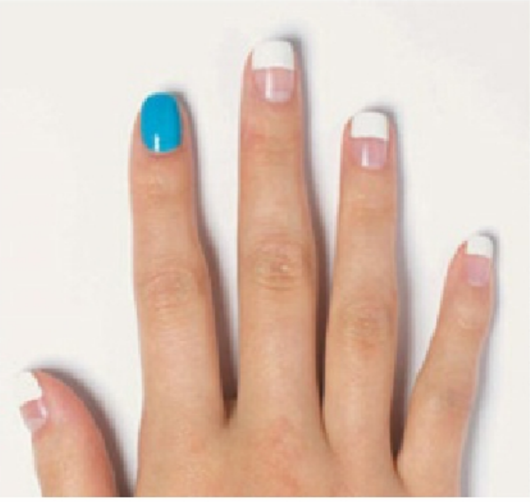
***What You'll Need*:** clear base and top coat; electric blue nail polish; white nail polish; dark blue, white, yellow, and red acrylic paint; fine-tipped brush; blue and silver jewel rhinestones or decals; glue; tweezers.

***Tip*:** This design uses a straight French tip, but it can be modified to a traditional French tip by using three-ring-binder stickers to create the curve in both colors. If you modify, make sure to let the first color dry completely before applying the stickers for the second color.

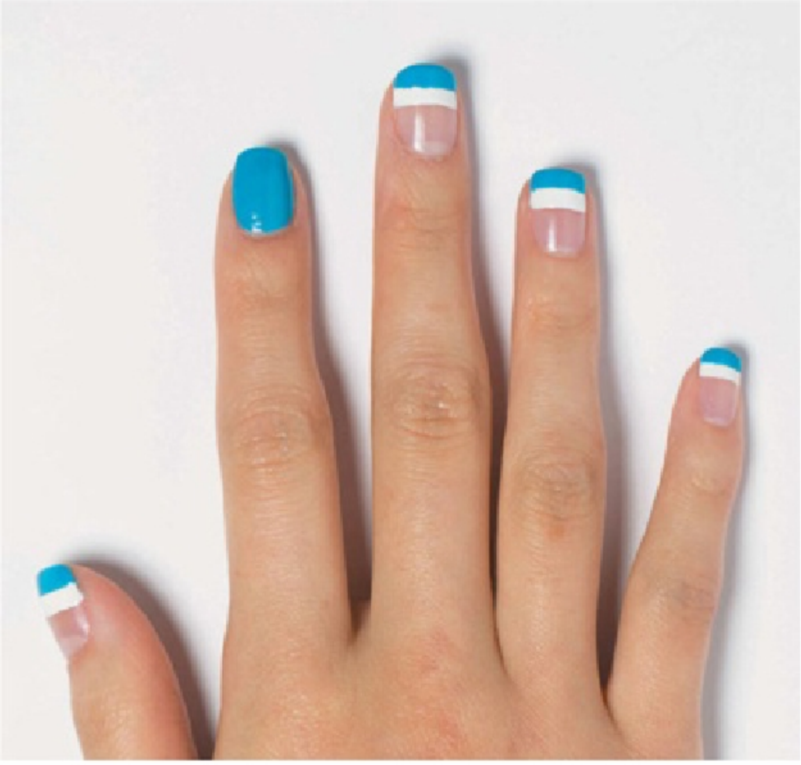
1. Apply a clear base coat.



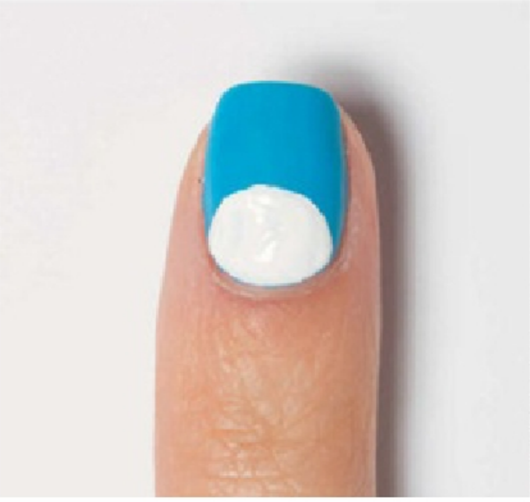
2. On the index finger, paint two coats of electric blue polish.



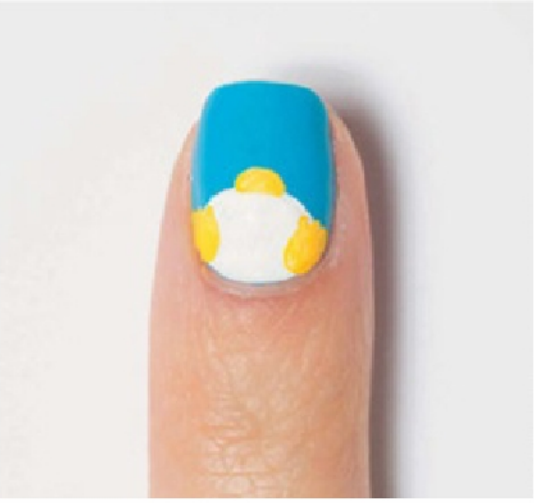
3. On the rest of the nails, paint the tops with two coats of white polish, stopping about midway down the nail.



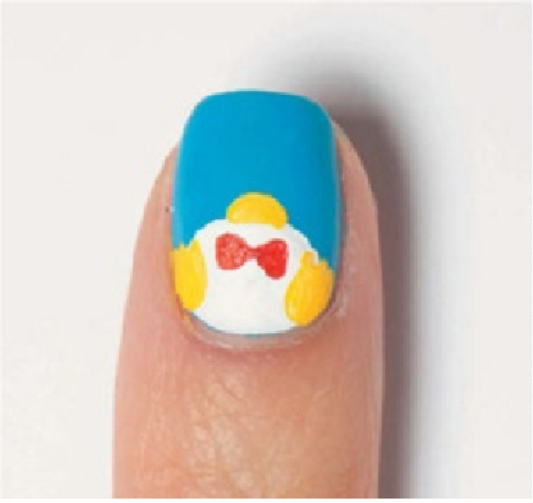
4. After the white polish has dried (about five minutes), using a fine-tipped brush and electric blue polish, draw a line halfway up the white.



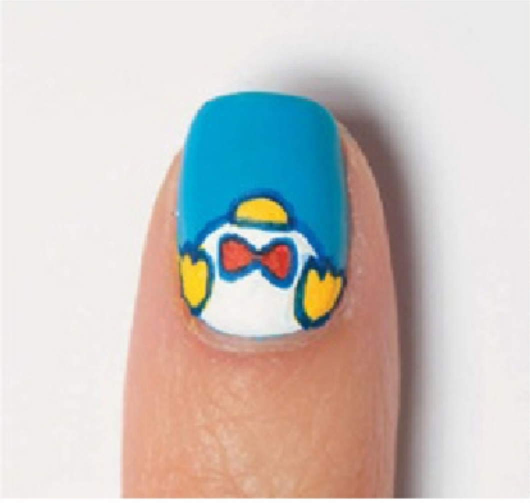
5. For Tuxedosam, using a fine-tipped brush and white paint, start by drawing a half-moon at the bed of the nail and then coloring it in for the belly.



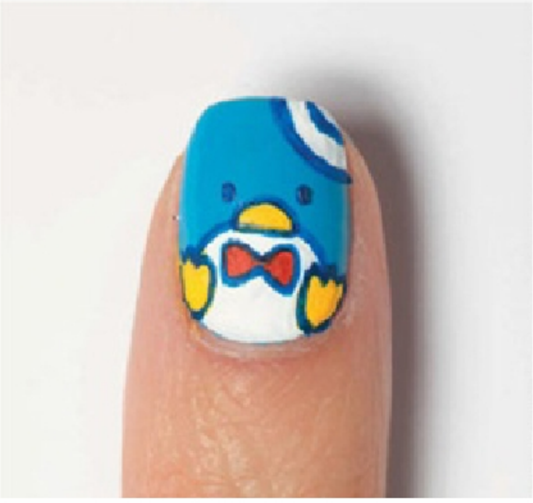
6. For the beak, use yellow paint to draw a loose horizontal half oval shape over the border of the blue and the white at the top of the white belly. Draw the feet by making half oval shapes and then, at the top, jagged edges with three peaks.



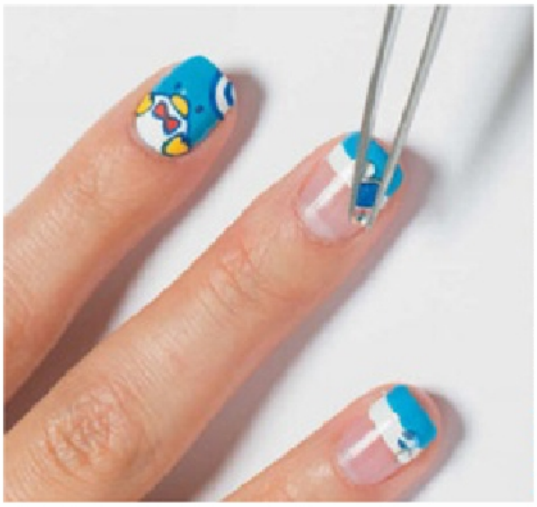
7. Right below the yellow beak in the white belly, using red paint, draw two small triangles facing each other with points touching to create the bow tie.



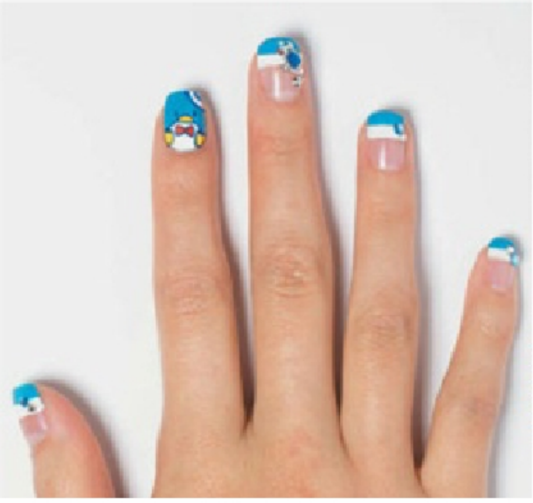
8. Using a fine-tipped brush and dark blue paint, draw a thin outline around each of the elements including the border of the white and the blue.



9. For the eyes, add two dark blue dots above the beak on either side. For the hat, use white paint to draw a half-moon shape at the top right corner of the nail and fill it in with white paint. Outline the border of the hat in dark blue, then add a second blue curved line through the white in the middle of the hat.



10. Using top coat or glue and tweezers, apply the jewels, alternating blue and silver jewels in a diagonal pattern on the pinky and ring fingernails and thumbnails. Apply a more elaborate design on the middle finger using larger jewels or more jewels. Apply a small dot of glue for each stone, making sure not to use too much and not to push the jewel too far into the glue.



11. Apply a clear top coat to all nails, including over the jewels.

Chococat

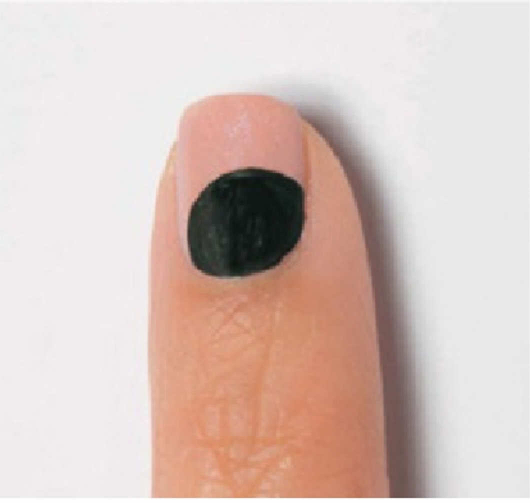
Although this little boy cat tends to be a little scatterbrained at times, he's always up on the latest news (thanks to his ultrasensitive "antenna" whiskers!). Taking his name from his chocolate-colored nose, Chococat has fun playing around his house (the "Choco-choco House") with his friends Cookie-Bau the dog, Nutz the hamster, Jelly Bean the bunny, and the Duckies.

Chococat

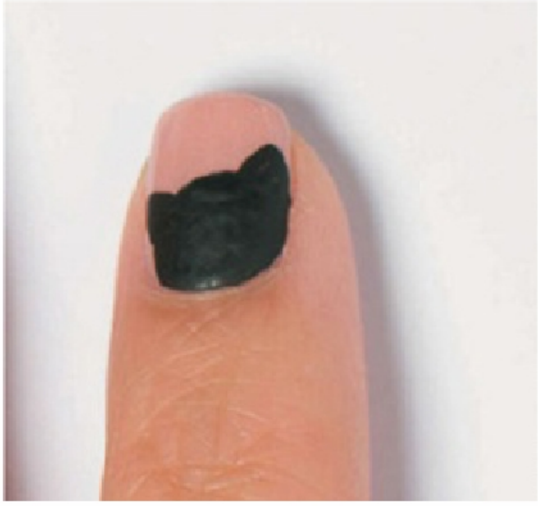
***What You'll Need*:** clear base and top coat; taupe or beige nail polish; black, white, and light brown acrylic paint; fine-tipped brush

1. Apply a clear base coat.

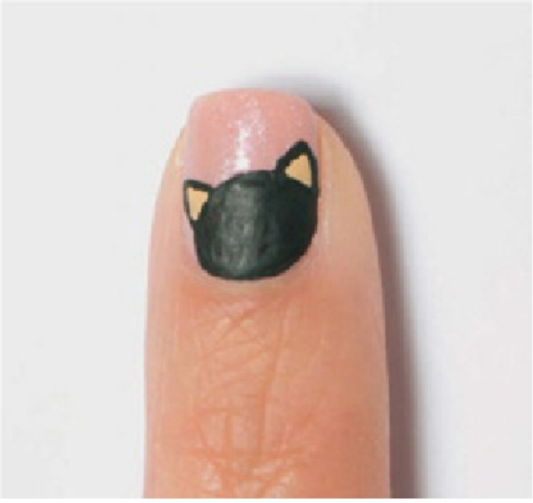
2. Apply two coats of taupe or beige polish on each nail.



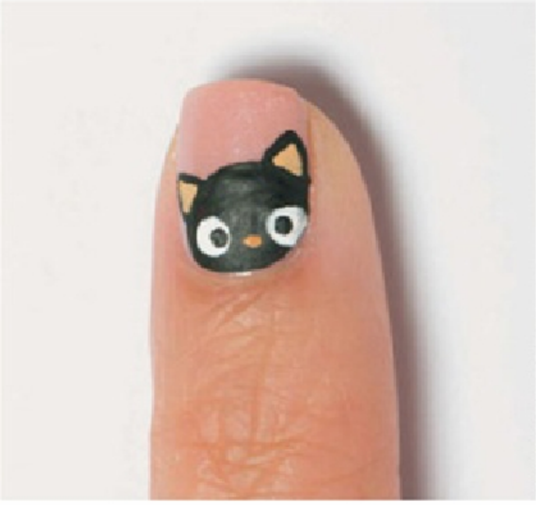
3. On the index finger, draw Chococat: Using a fine-tipped brush and black paint, draw a half-moon shape at the nail bed and fill it in.



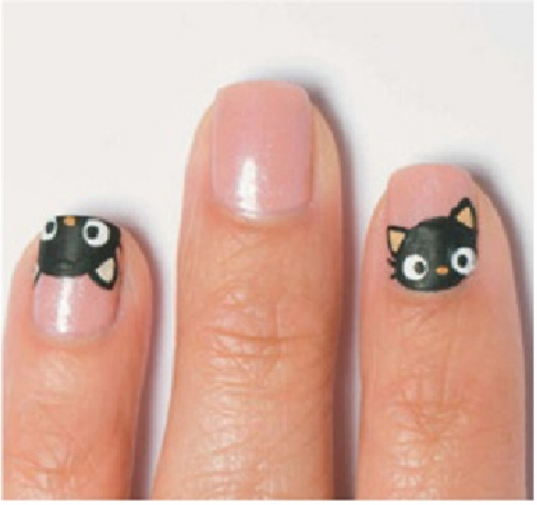
4. Using black paint, paint two triangles for the ears on either side of the half-moon shape. Chococat will appear to be peeking out from behind the nail bed.



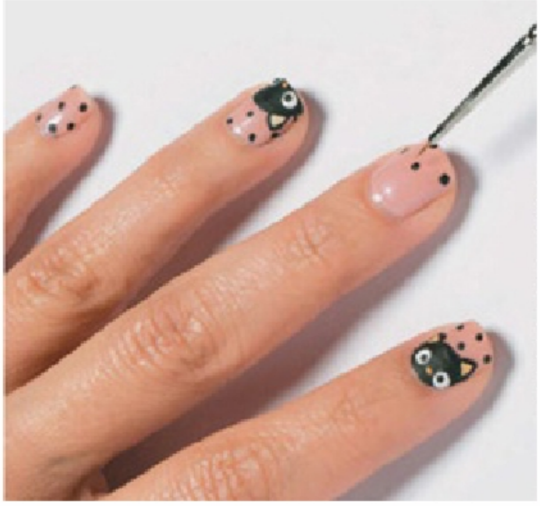
5. On a palette, mix white and light brown paint to make a cappuccino color and draw a small triangle inside each black ear.



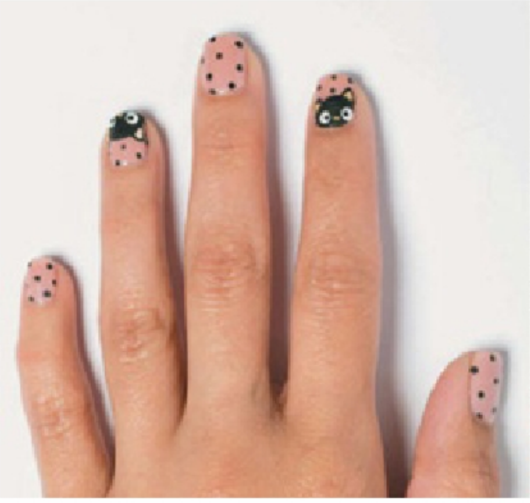
6. Using a fine-tipped brush and taupe or beige polish, paint a small circle for the nose. Using white paint, draw two white circles for the eyes on either side of the nose, then, using black paint, make a dot in the center of each eye and draw two whiskers on the left side of the face.



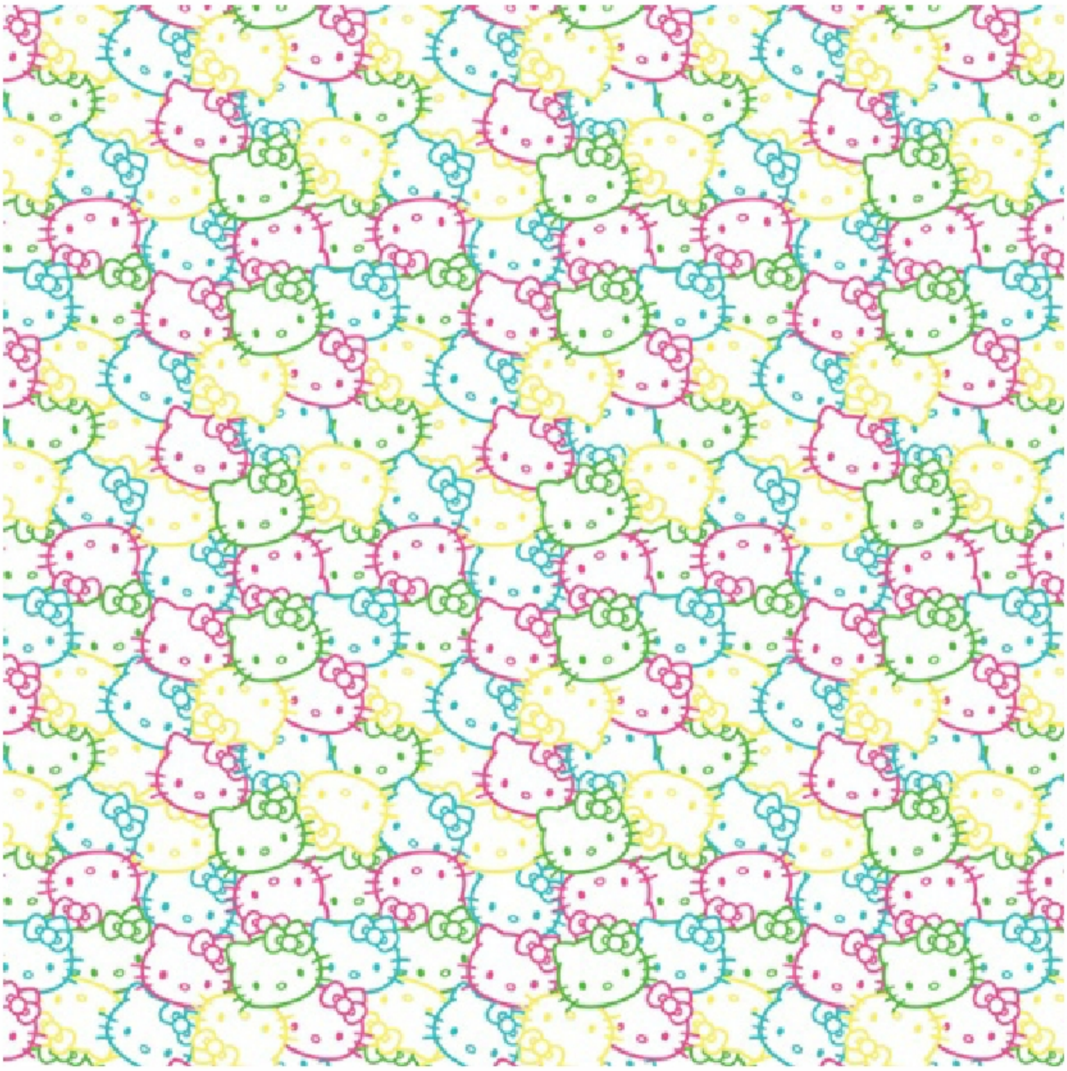
7. On the ring finger, repeat Steps 3 through 6 but flip the character (as shown) so that he will be upside down when you look at your hand in front of you.



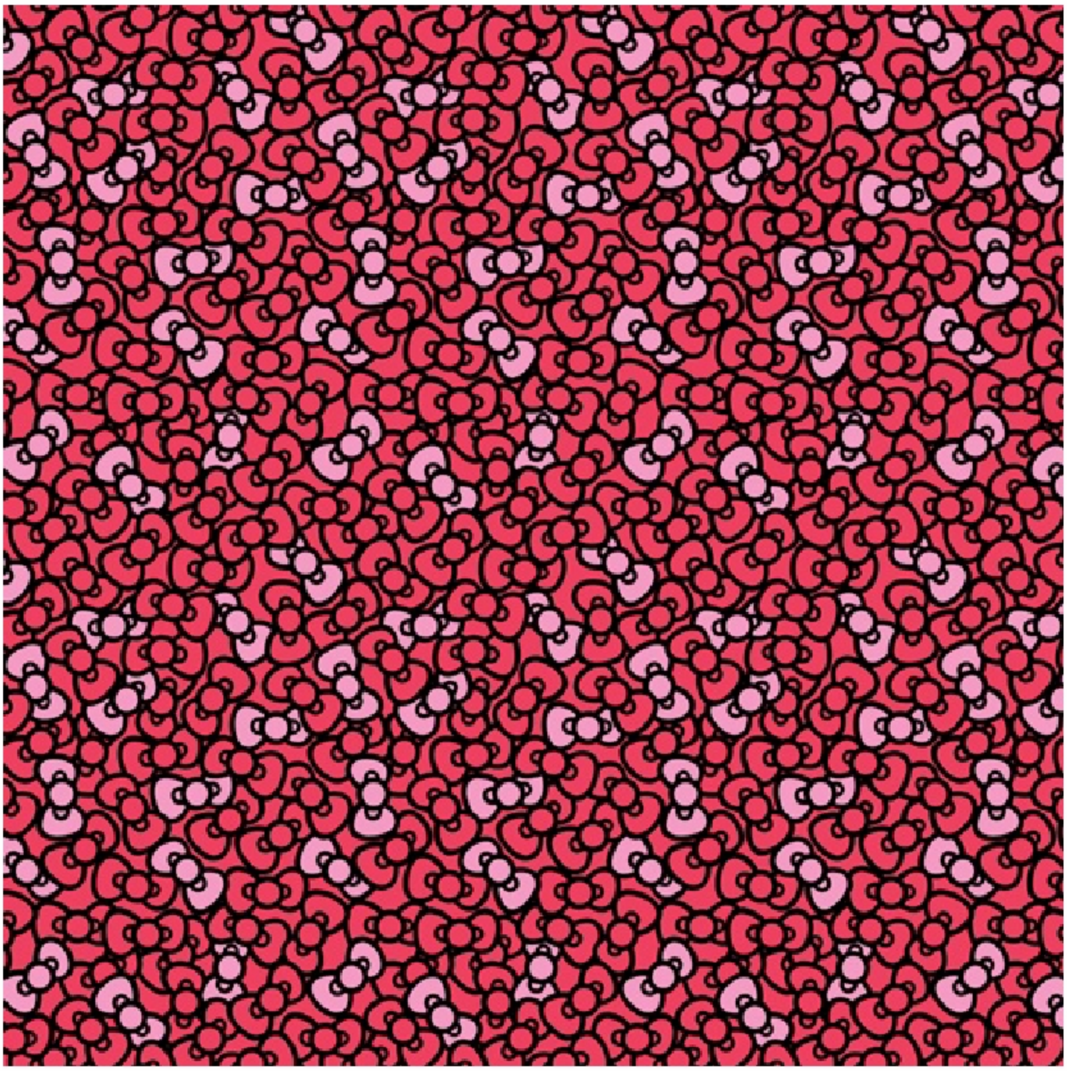
8. On all of the nails, use a fine-tipped brush and black paint to paint a black polka dot pattern, avoiding the characters.



9. Apply a clear top coat to all nails.



Patterns can be applied to any design to switch things up and personalize your style. While some may work better than others for particular characters, you can mix it up with colors, shapes, and patterns to create your own designs. Here are eight simple and basic patterns that can be used with any character or as stand-alone nail designs.

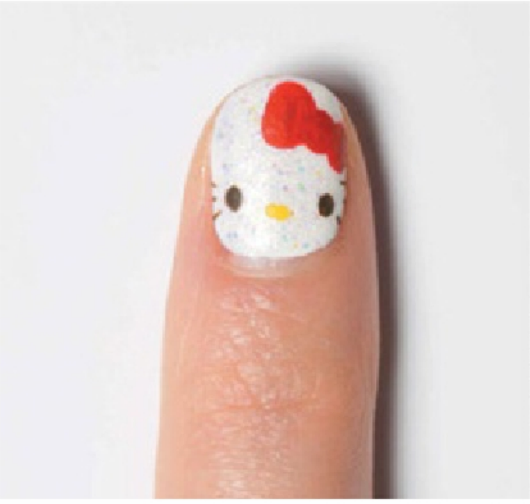


Hello Kitty Bows

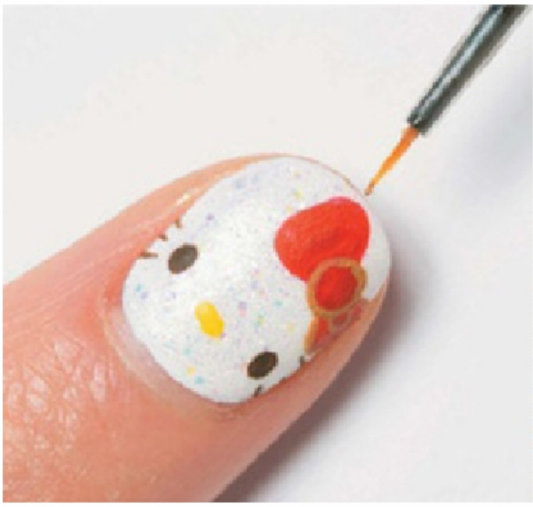
***What You'll Need*:** clear base and top coat; white nail polish (if you are also painting Hello Kitty's face); your choice of acrylic paint color; black acrylic paint or gold glitter nail polish; fine-tipped brush

***Tip*:** You can create many patterns with this bow design using light pink, dark pink, red, or even polka dots for the color of the bow. Try painting several bow designs on a few nails and then just one on the rest. You can even add Hello Kitty's face on a few nails (see this page, Step 9). Hello Kitty always wears her bow on the left side of her head, on an angle.

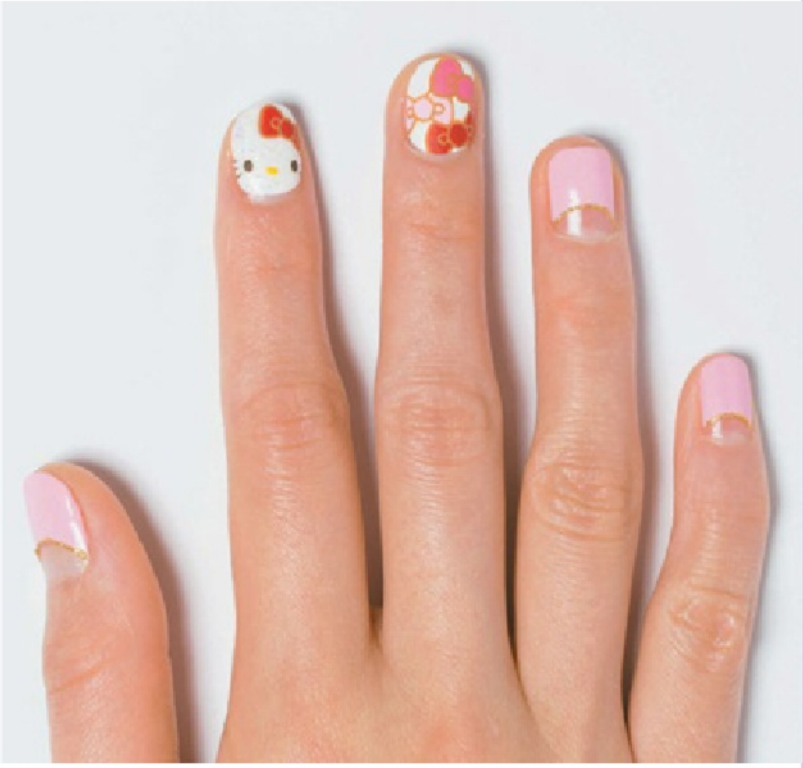
1. Apply a clear base coat or, if you're painting Hello Kitty's face, paint two coats of white polish then follow Step 9 on this page.



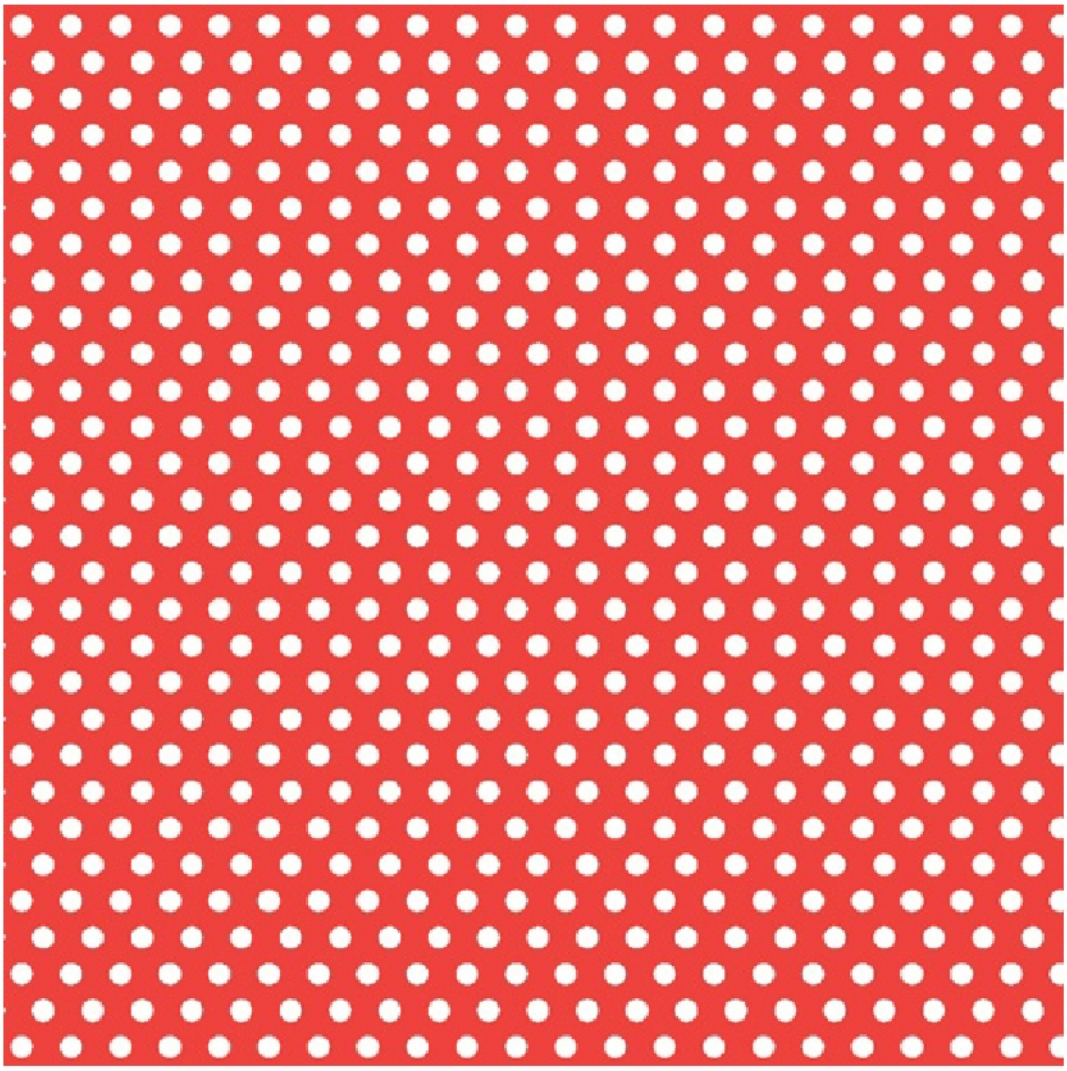
2. Using your paint color of choice, start out by painting two triangles with rounded edges angled down to the right. Then fill in the center with a circle.



3. Once the bow has dried (about five minutes), outline the bow with black paint or glitter polish using a fine-tipped brush. Add two small loops inside the bow.



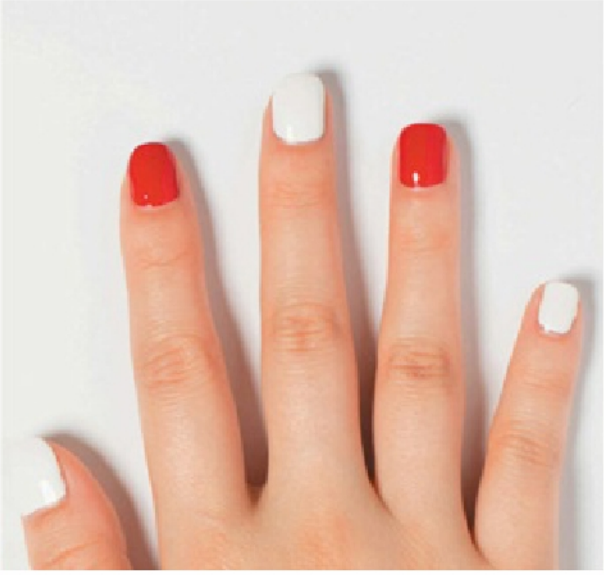
4. Repeat Steps 2 through 3 for as many bows as you'd like to make. Apply a top coat to all nails.



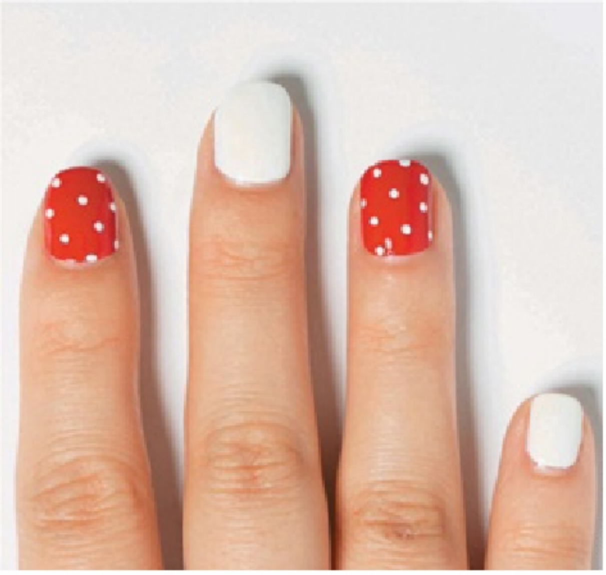
Polka Dots

***What You'll Need*:** clear base and top coat; your choice of base nail polish color; your choice of acrylic paint color (for the dots); fine-tipped brush

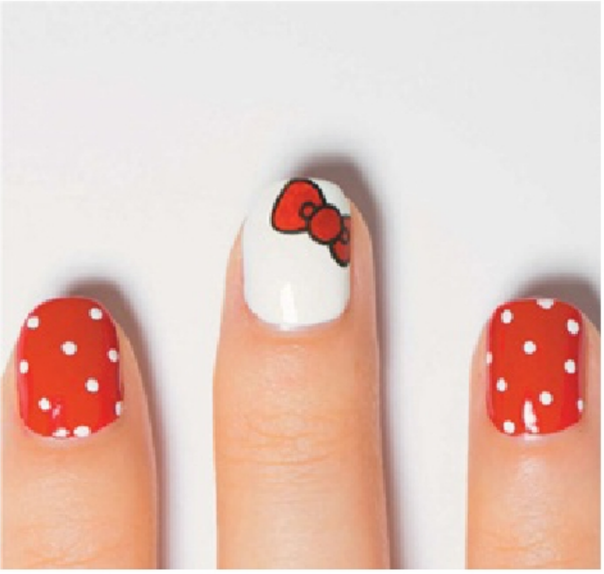
1. Apply a clear base coat.



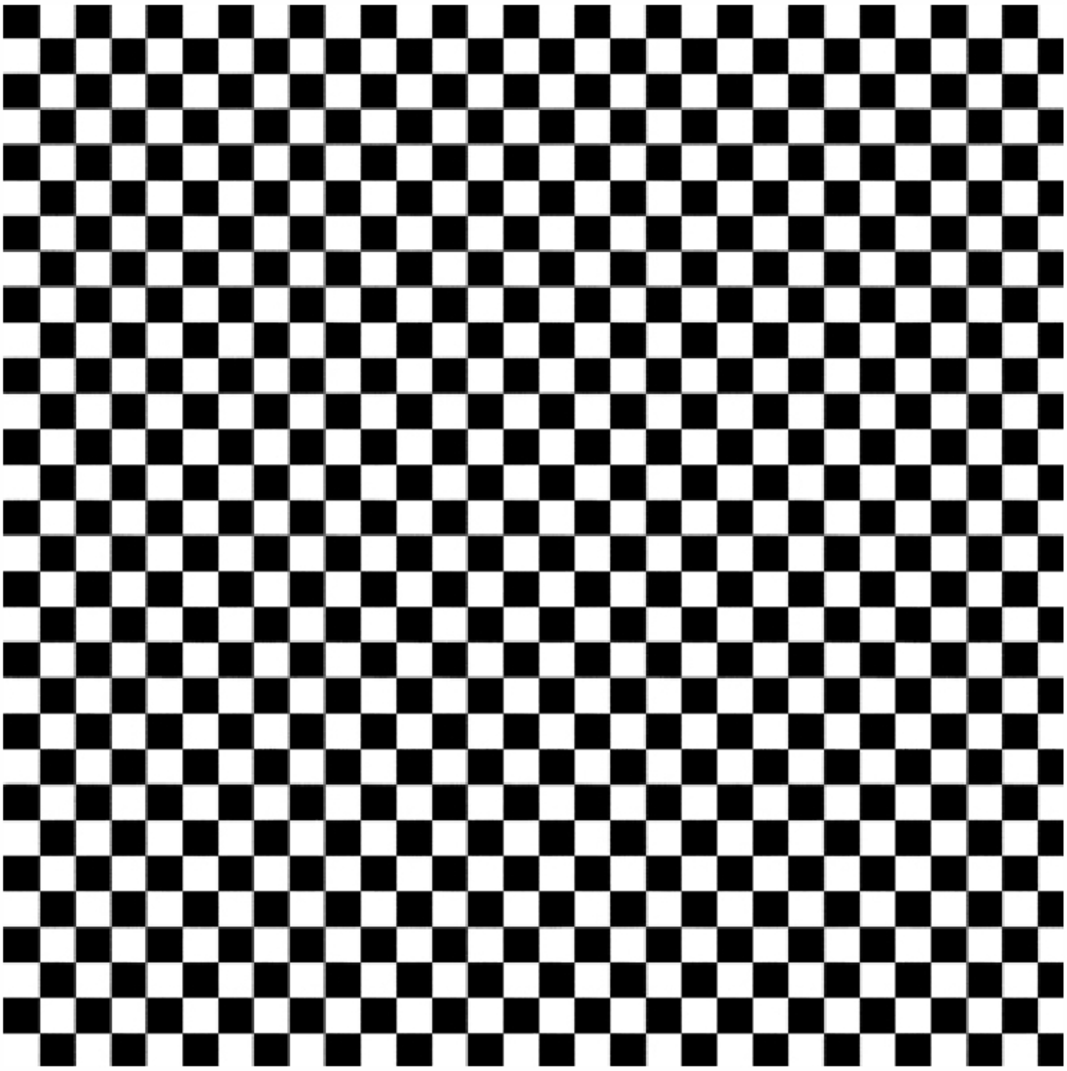
2. Choose a base color for the polka dot pattern (to keep with Hello Kitty's theme, use white and red and alternate fingers). Apply two coats of polish.



3. Once dried (about five minutes), use a fine-tipped brush and a contrasting color to make a polka dot pattern across the nail.



4. Apply a clear top coat to all nails.

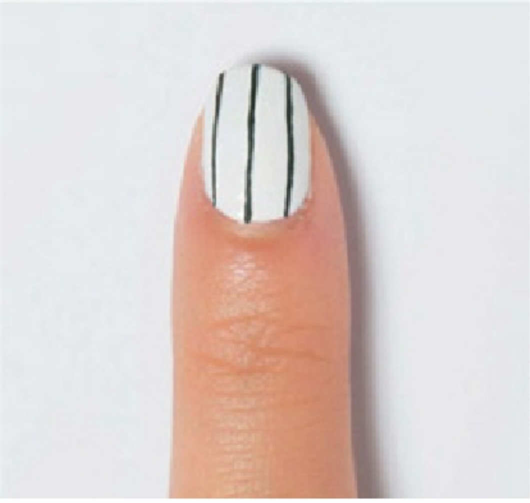


Checkers

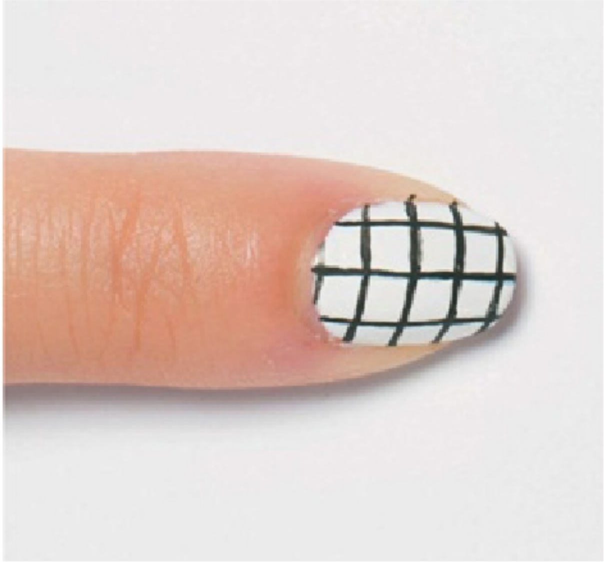
What You'll Need: clear base and top coat; white nail polish; black acrylic paint; fine-tipped brush

1. Apply a clear base coat.

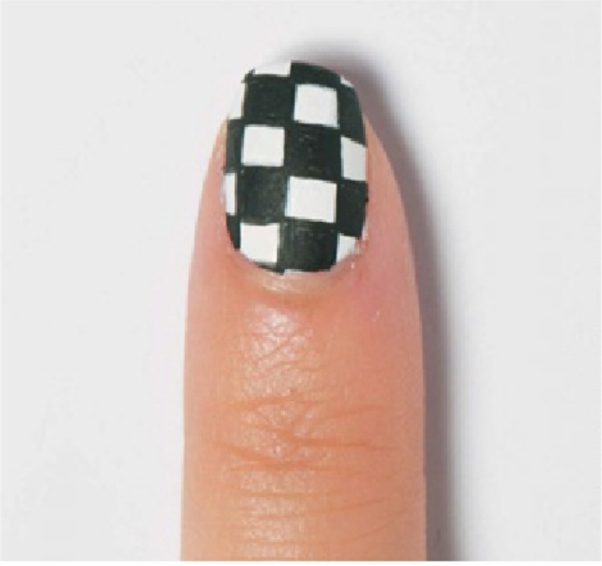
2. Apply two coats of white polish on all nails (alternating the color if you choose).



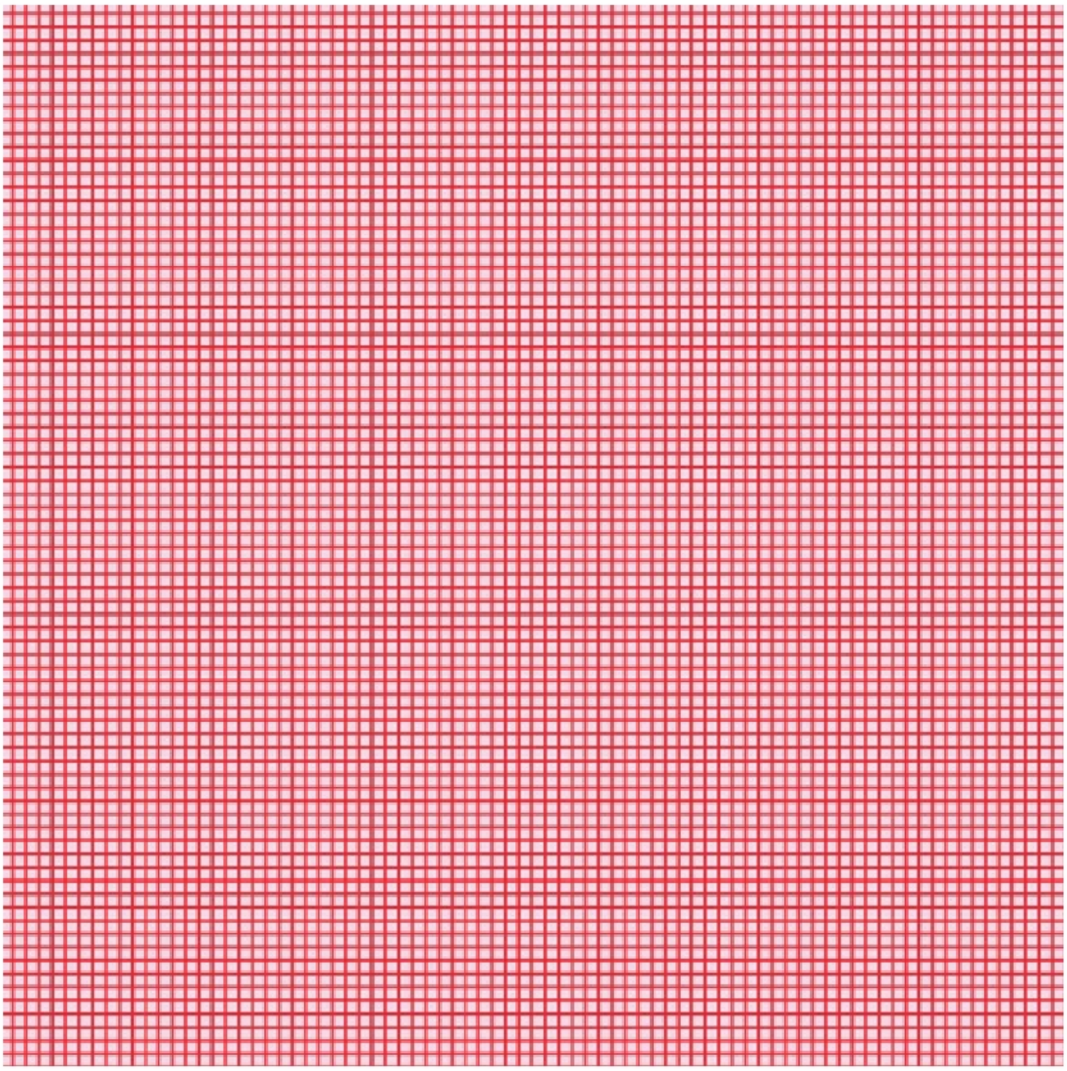
3. Using a fine-tipped brush and black paint, add three or four fine vertical lines down the nail.

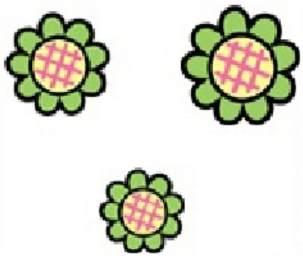


4. Then add horizontal lines to make boxes.



5. Fill in every other square with black paint to create a black-and-white checkered pattern. Apply a clear top coat to all nails.





Gingham

***What You'll Need*:** clear base and top coat; white nail polish; red acrylic paint; pink glitter nail polish; fine-tipped brush

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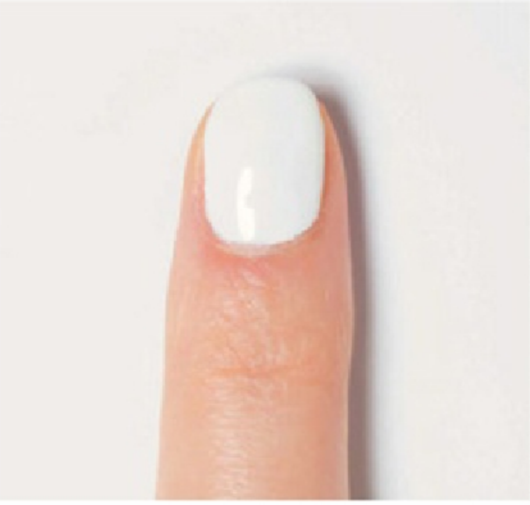
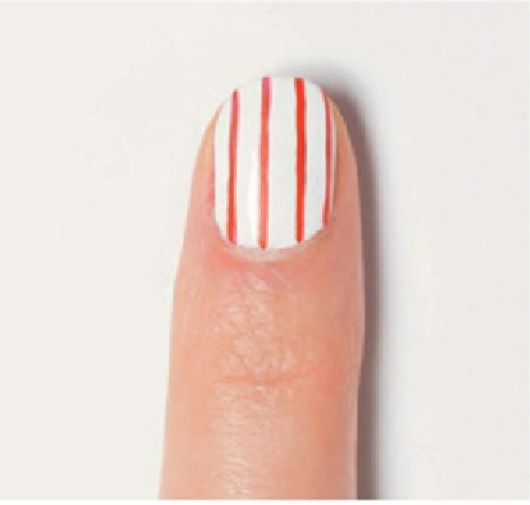
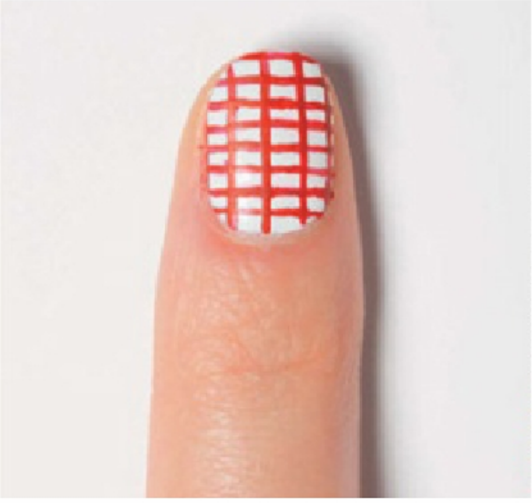


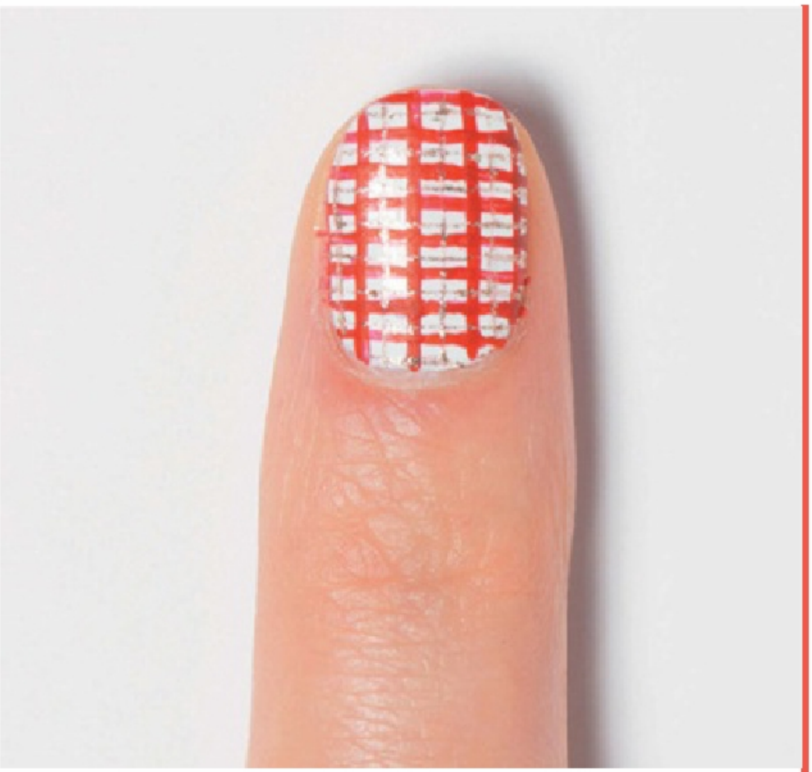
2. Apply two coats of white polish on all nails.



3. Using a fine-tipped brush and red paint, draw four vertical lines equal distance apart on each nail.



4. Then paint eight horizontal lines on each nail to make small boxes.



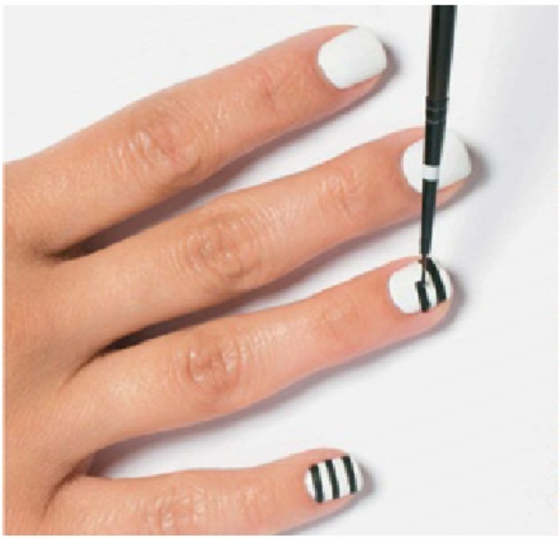
5. Using a fine-tipped brush and pink glitter polish, draw vertical lines in between the red vertical lines from Step 3, then horizontal lines in between the red horizontal lines from Step 4. Apply a top coat to all nails.

Stripes

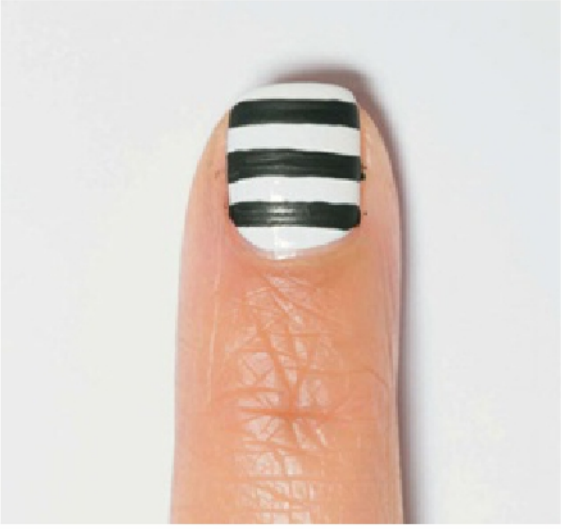
What You'll Need**:** clear base and top coat; white nail polish; black paint; fine-tipped brush

1. Apply a clear base coat.

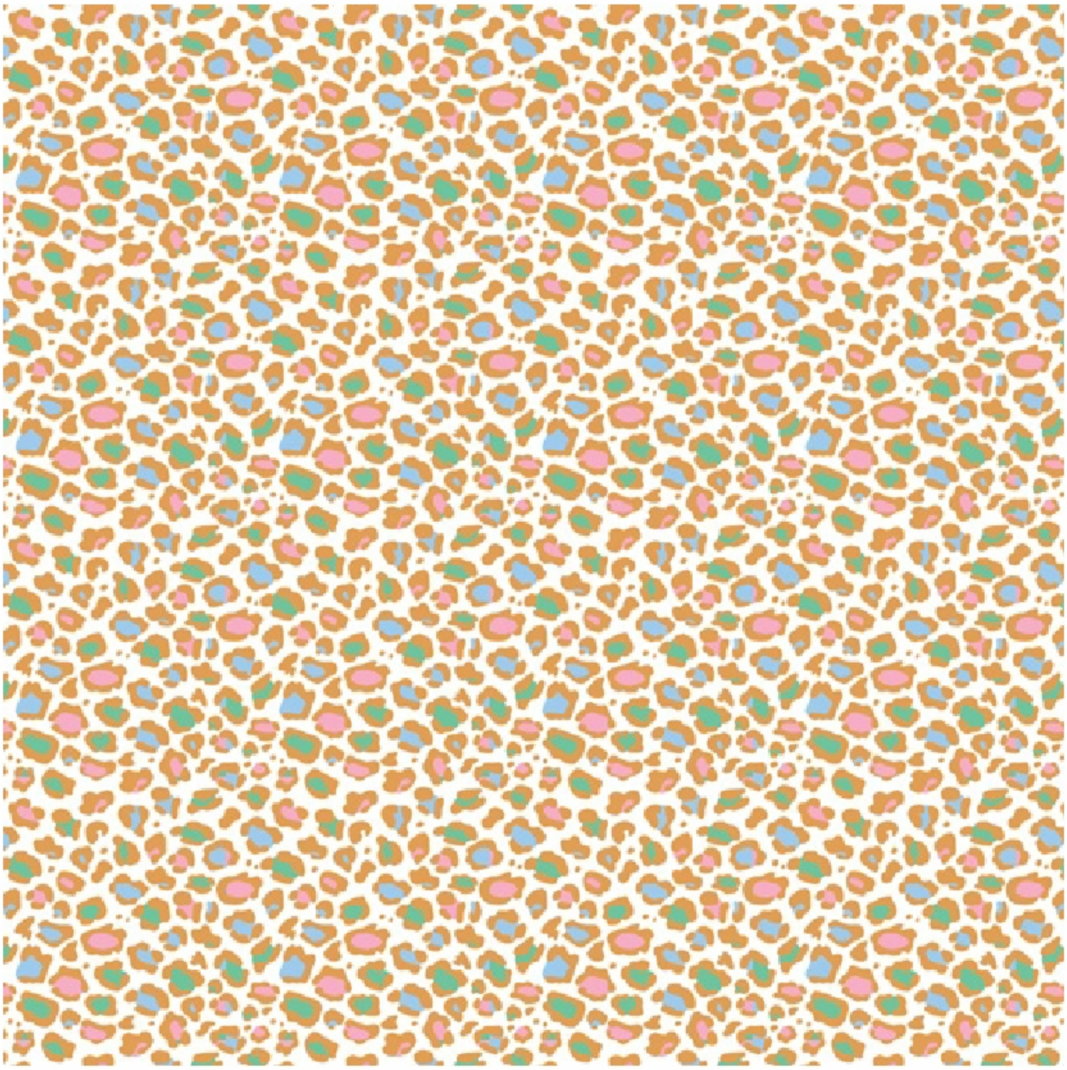
2. Apply two coats of white polish on all nails (alternating the color if you choose).



3. Using a fine-tipped brush and black paint, draw three horizontal lines across the nail. You will need to go over the stripe several times to achieve the desired opacity.



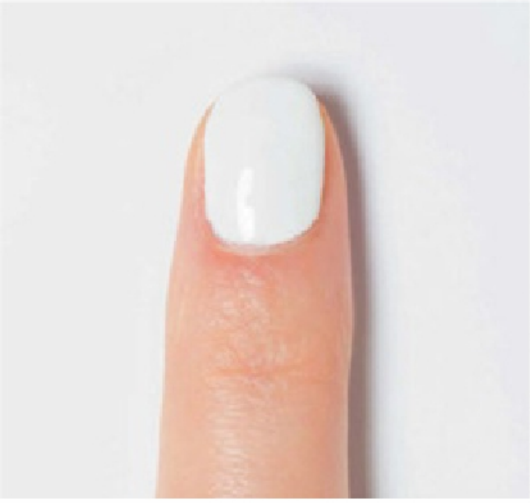
4. Apply a top coat to all nails.



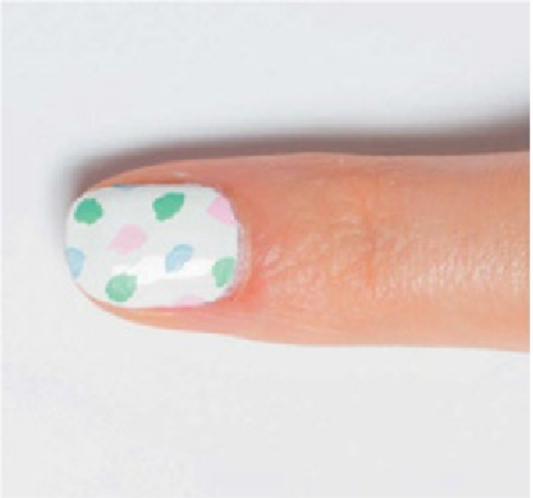
Leopard

***What You'll Need*:** clear base and top coat; white nail polish; light brown, light green, light pink, and light blue acrylic paint; clear glitter polish; fine-tipped brush

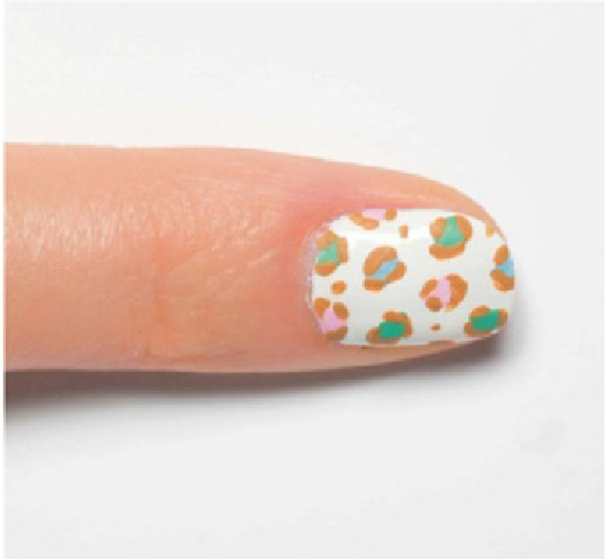
1. Apply a clear base coat.



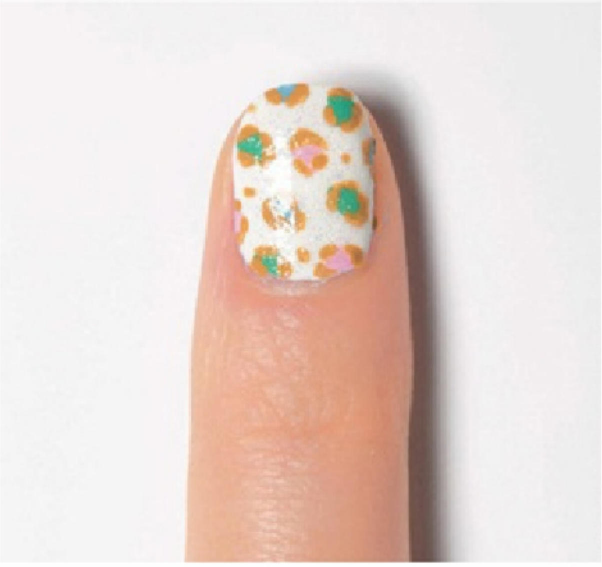
2. Apply two coats of white polish on all nails.



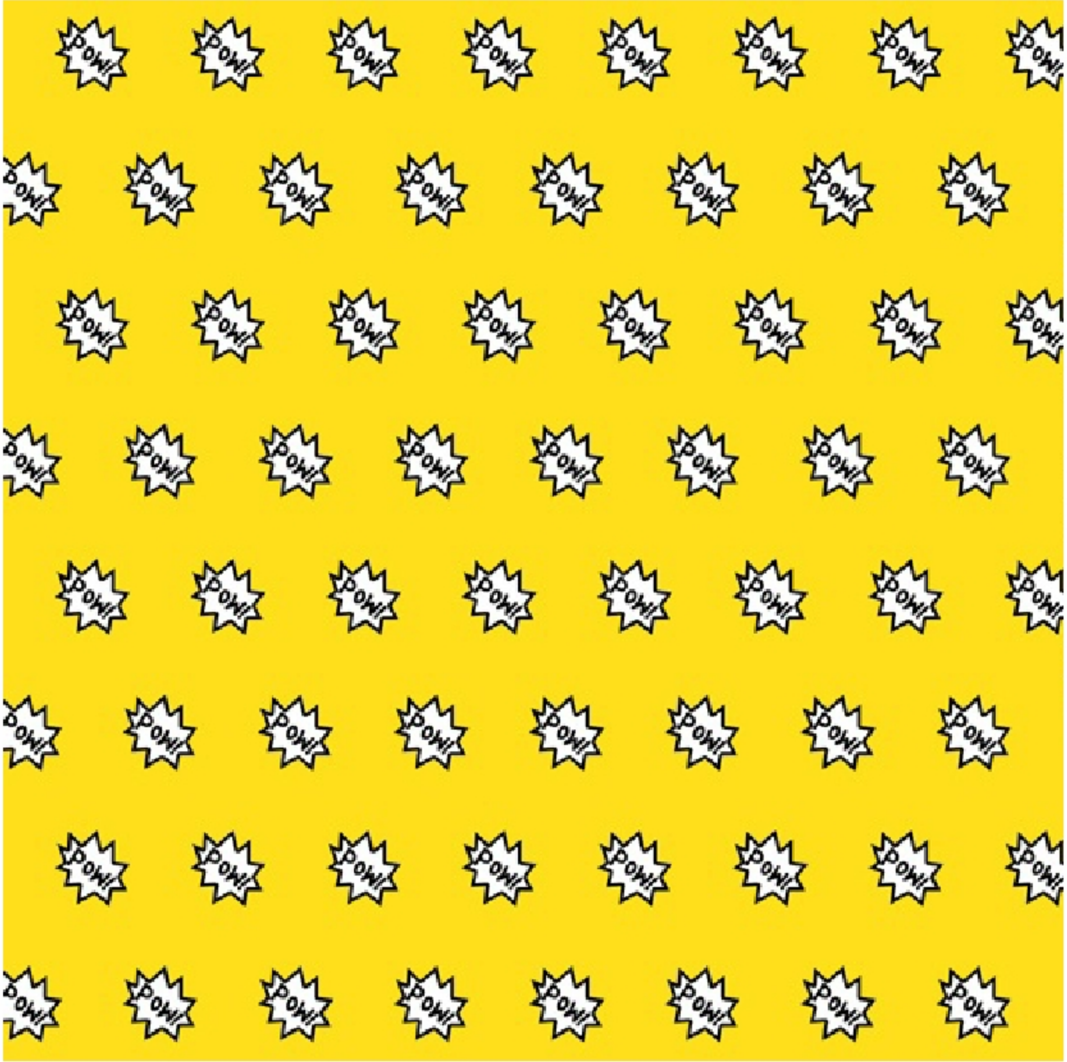
3. Create a palette with small amounts of light brown, light green, light pink, and light blue paint. Using a fine-tipped brush and green, pink, and blue paint, make a pattern of ovals with loose borders, alternating colors all over the nail. They should look like Easter eggs with loose edges.



4. Outline each oval with brown paint, making squiggly outlines that aren't necessarily consistent in thickness.



5. Once the pattern has dried (about five minutes), add a layer of clear glitter polish to all nails.



Comic Pow

What You'll Need: clear base and top coat; yellow or gold glitter nail polish; white and black acrylic paint; fine-tipped brush

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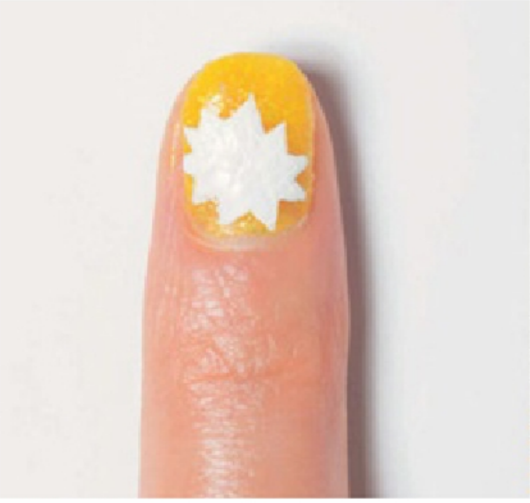
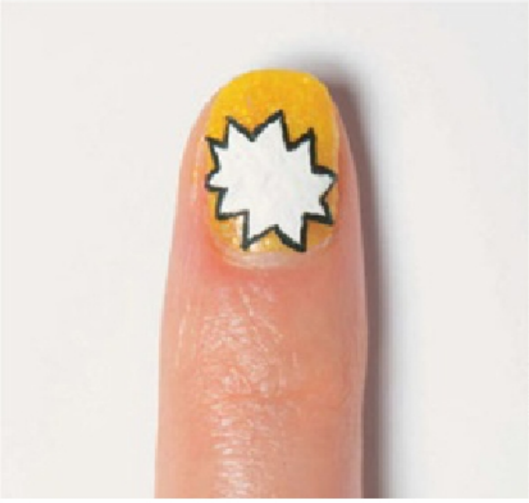
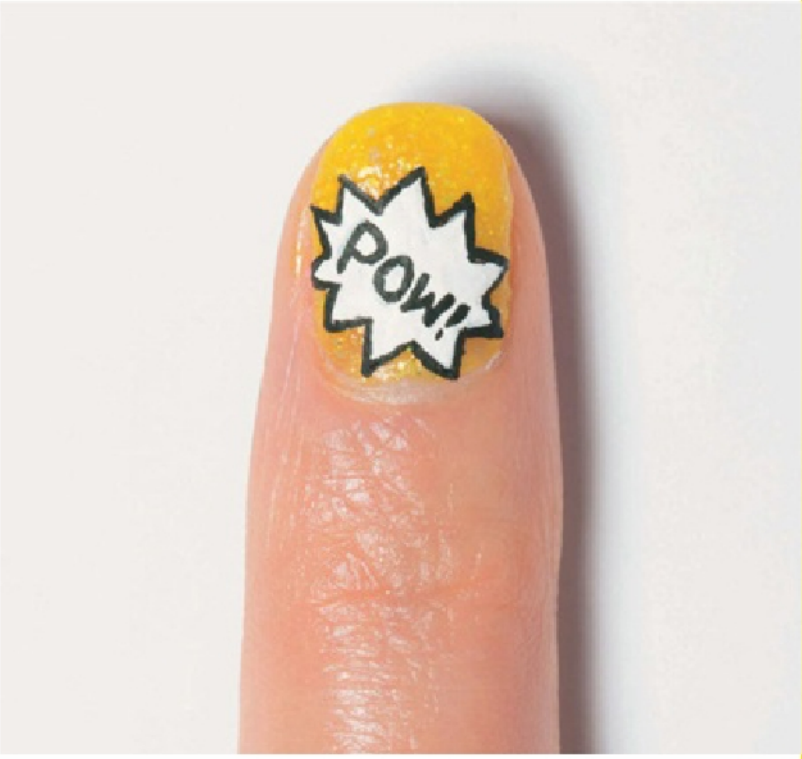
2. Apply two coats of yellow or gold glitter polish on all nails.



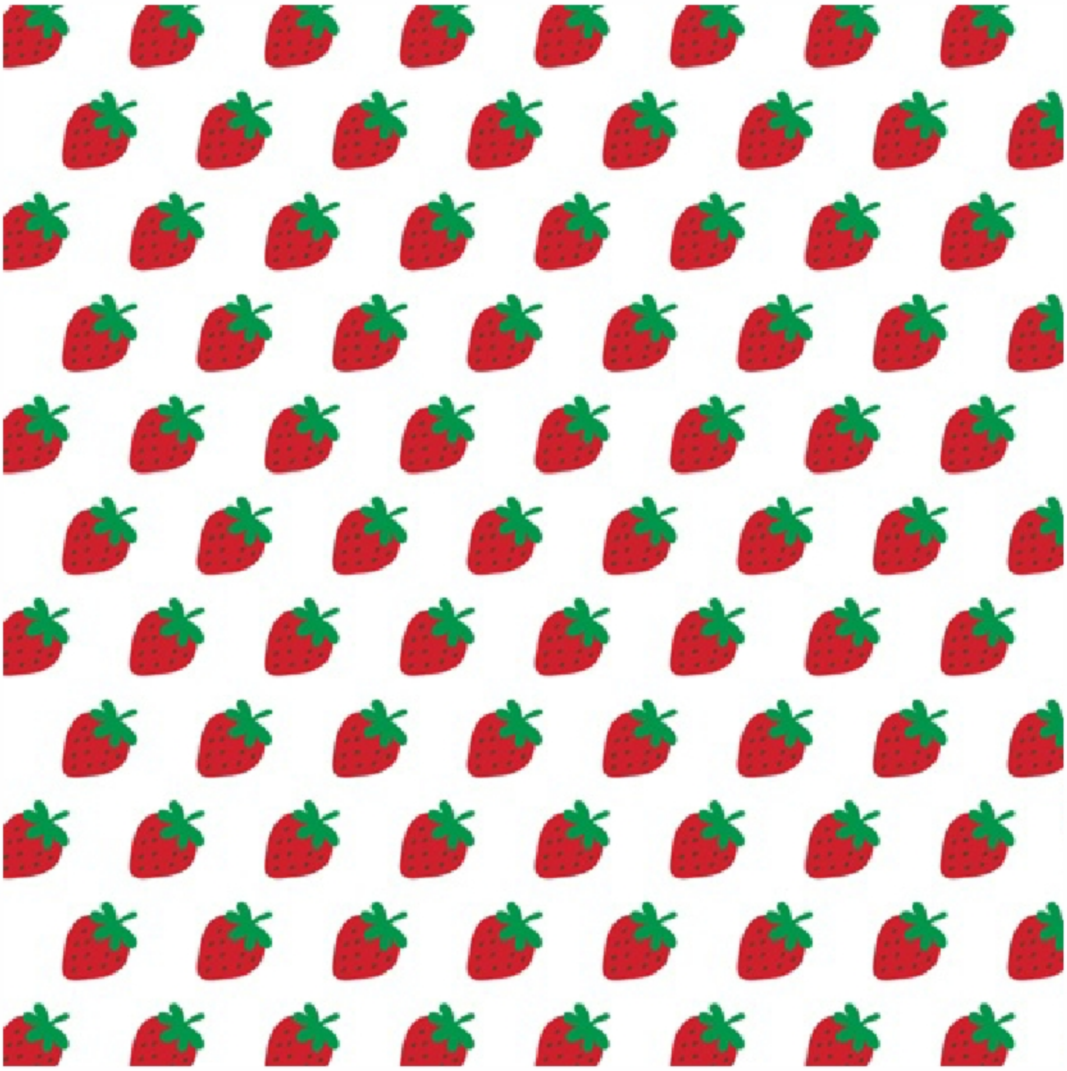
3. Using a fine-tipped brush and white paint, create a jagged-edge burst in the middle of the fingernail and fill in.



4. Using black paint, outline the edges of the burst.



5. Add the POW! to the center of the burst.
Apply a top coat to all the nails.



Strawberry

***What You'll Need*:** red nail polish; green acrylic paint; fine-tipped brush; small gold beads; wood cuticle stick with flat tip

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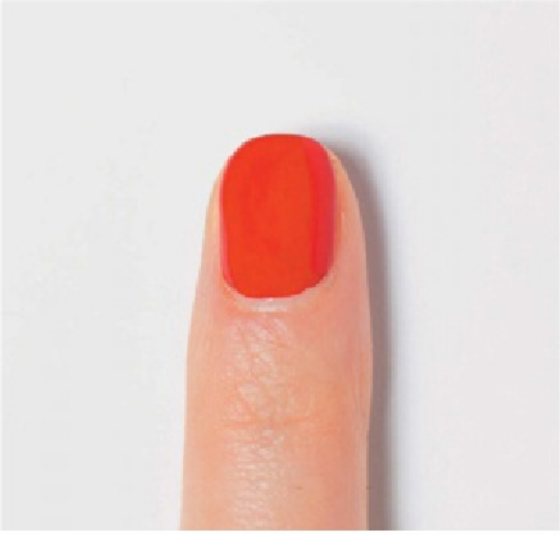
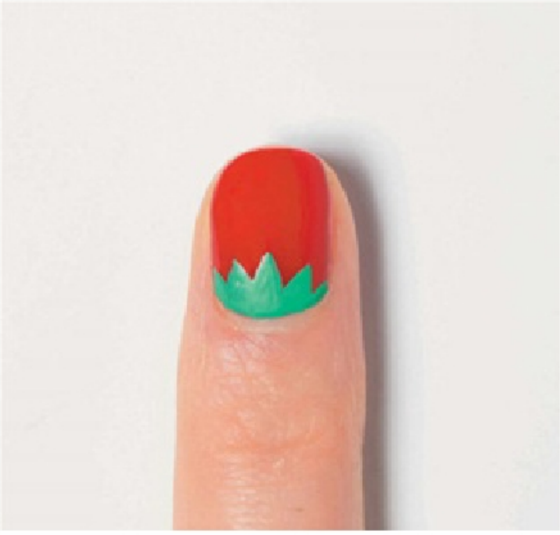
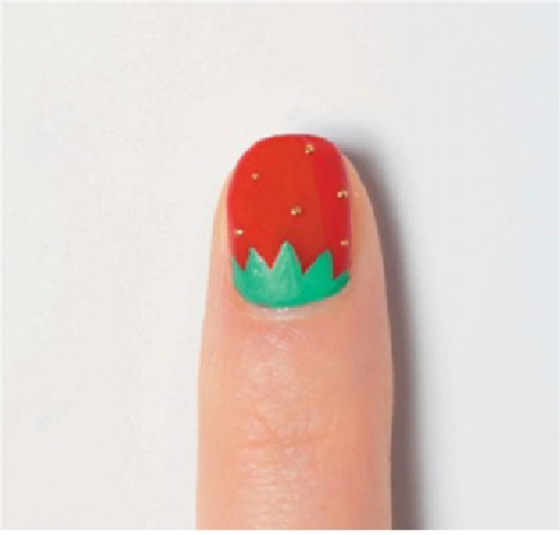


2. Apply two coats of red polish on all nails.



3. Using a flat-tipped brush and green paint, paint a half-moon in the nail bed with a spiky border for the hull.



4. Apply top coat to the red part of one nail and, dipping the flat tip of the cuticle stick into the top coat, scoop up some of the beads and place them on the nail for the seeds. Repeat for the remaining nails, making sure to apply the beads right after you apply the top coat to each nail so they stick.

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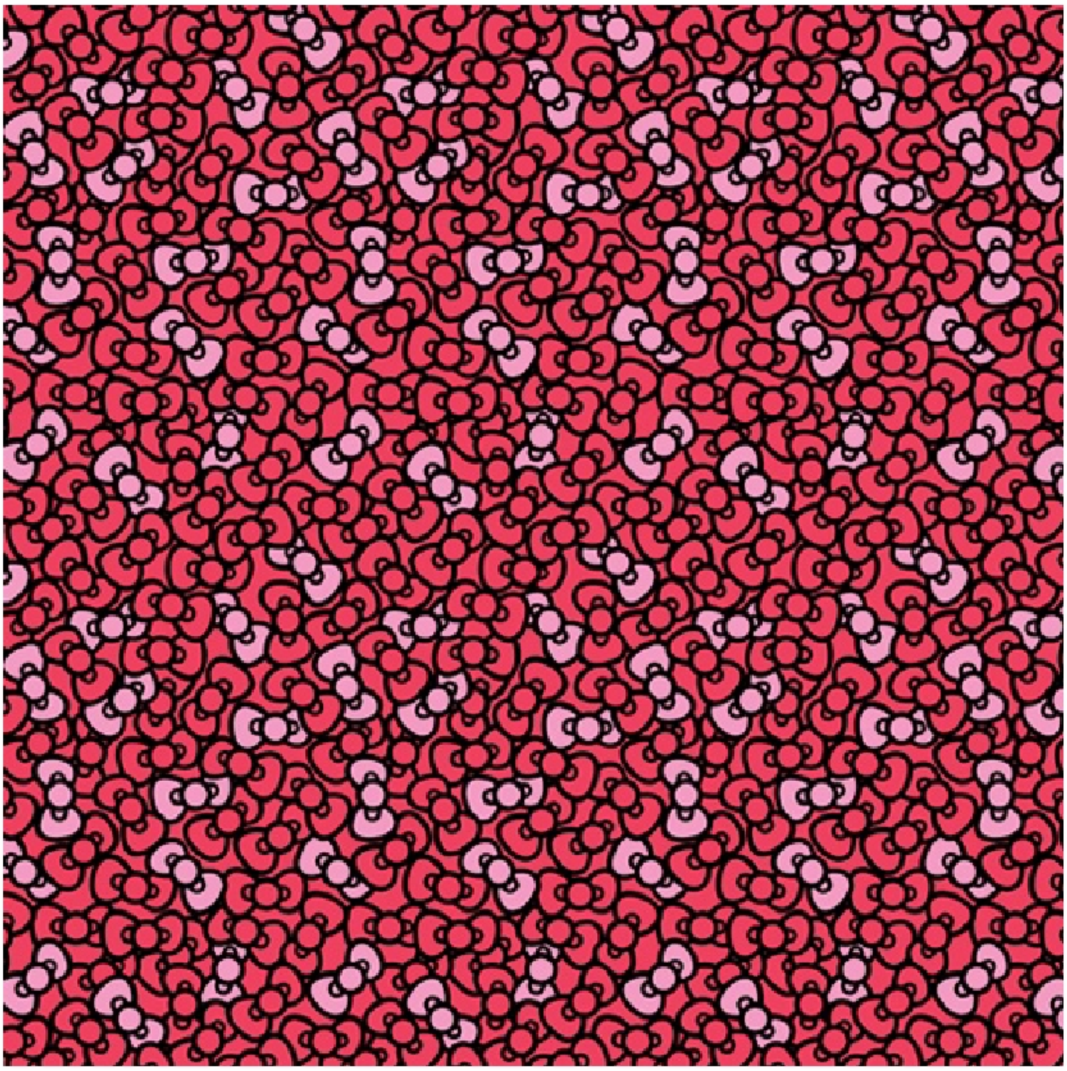

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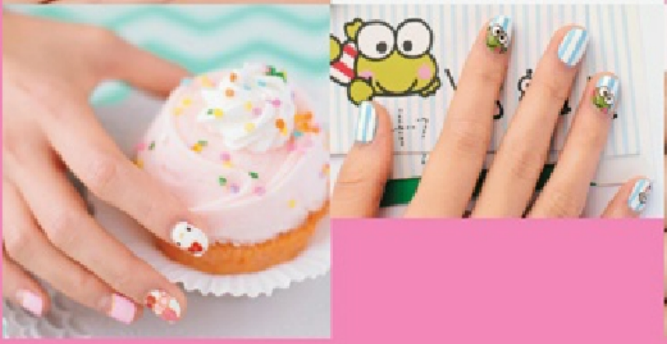

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